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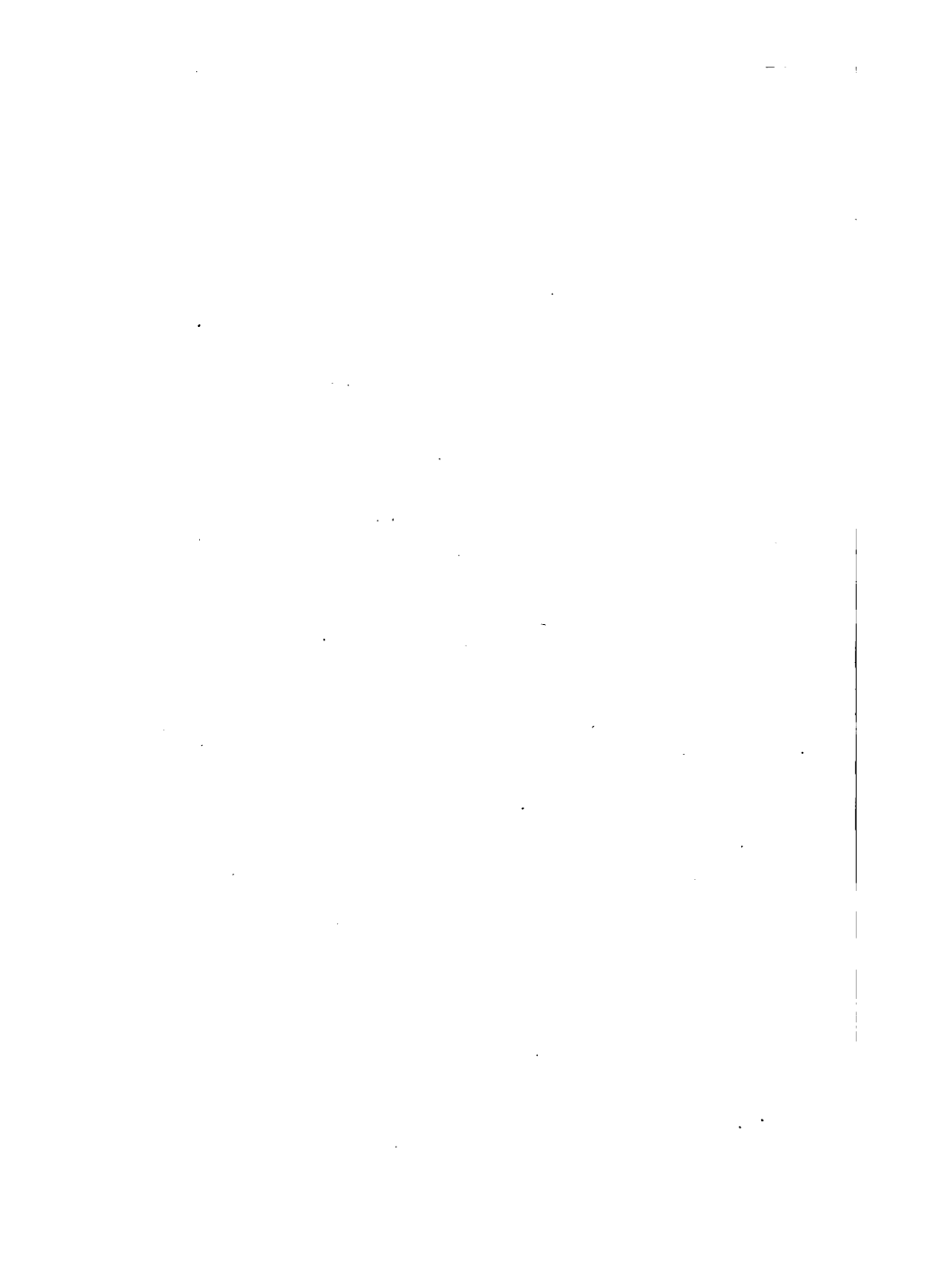
THE experience that has been gained by those who have used this book in Rugby and in other Schools has enabled me to make some important improvements in this edition. The first two sections have been entirely rewritten, and will be found easier and more exact. The Exercises in the earlier sections have been increased in number.

Book II. will, I hope, justify the remarks in pp. xii, xiii of the Preface to the first edition.

Since this Geometry was written several similar works have appeared in England, and the use of them appears to be spreading, as schoolmasters recognize their merits as text-books. Cambridge, I regret to say, continues to demand Euclid and nothing but Euclid.

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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION OF BOOK I.

THE lately published Report of the Schools Inquiry Commission has given an immediate importance to the question whether Euclid's Elements is the proper text-book for teaching Geometry to beginners. Euclid's recognised and acknowledged faults as a system of Geometry, and as a specimen of analysed reasoning, are of slight importance compared with others of greater magnitude. The real objections to Euclid as a text-book are his artificiality, the invariably syllogistic form of his reasoning, the length of his demonstrations, and his unsuggestiveness.

As to the first, he aimed, not at unfolding Geometry as a science, but at shewing on how few axioms and postulates the whole could be made to depend: and he has thus sacrificed, to a great extent, simplicity and naturalness in his demonstrations, without any corresponding gain in grasp or cogency. The exclusion of hypothetical constructions may be mentioned as a self-imposed restriction which has made the confused order of his first book necessary, with

out any compensating advantage. There is no real advantage in the arrangement of propositions by sequence which Euclid maintains so strictly, for nothing can be gained by excluding *any* sound method of reasoning: and if a direct proof can be found of any theorem, which naturally arises out of the data of the theorem, it is to be preferred to a circuitous proof which depends on other theorems. Thus if the Fifth Proposition can be proved independently, and on its own evidence, it is certain that the decisive bearing of the data on the conclusion will be better appreciated than it would be on Euclid's method.

Again, as his self-imposed restrictions, geometrical and logical, have made his Geometry confused in its arrangement, and unnatural and forced in the nature of his proofs, so too the detailed syllogistic form into which he has thrown all his reasonings, is a source of obscurity to beginners, and damaging to true geometrical freedom and power.

We put a boy down to his Euclid; and he reasons for the first time, a task in itself difficult enough; but we make him reason in iron fetters. There is, of course, a natural and inevitable difficulty in the task of tracing data into the inferences founded on them; the geometrical facts are new: it is new to the learner to find himself reasoning consecutively at all. If then to all this novelty we add the constant analysis into syllogisms of inferences which are obvious without this analysis, and the constant reference to general axioms and general propositions, which are no clearer in the general statement than they are in the particular instance, we make

the study of Geometry unnecessarily stiff, obscure, tedious and barren. Many facts perfectly familiar to common sense and experience become strange and unrecognizable when thus expressed; and conclusions the most obvious become cloudy by the extreme detail of the proofs. And the result is, as every one knows, that boys may have worked at Euclid for years, and may yet know next to nothing of Geometry.

The length of his demonstrations is a real evil; for, when a geometrical theorem has become familiar, it is easy to analyse into a demonstration the perception that we have obtained of the certainty of the theorem, but until that familiarity is gained great length in demonstration exercises the memory more than the intelligence. Messrs. Demogeot and Montucci in their Report on English Education begin one of their chapters with the following remarkable words: "*Le trait distinctif de l'enseignement des mathématiques en Angleterre c'est qu'on y fait appel plutôt à la mémoire qu'à l'intelligence de l'élève.*" And they remark later on, "*On y trouve (in Euclid) sans doute une logique de fer, qui n'admet point de réplique; mais aussi arrive-t-on aux résultats les plus évidents par un verbiage absolument en désaccord avec nos élégantes habitudes d'une concision non moins vigoureuse que la prolixité d'Euclide.*" And unquestionably one result of the tediousness of Euclid is that so little knowledge of geometry is gained; so little, there is abundant evidence to prove, that our education is more marked by inferiority to other nations in this respect than in any other.



And again, unsuggestiveness is a great fault in a text-book. Euclid places all his theorems and problems on a level, without giving prominence to the master-theorems, or clearly indicating the master-methods. He has not, nor could he be expected to have, the modern felicity of nomenclature. The very names of *superposition*, *locus*, *intersection of loci*, *projection*, *comparison of triangles*, do not occur in his treatise. Hence there already exists a wide gulf between the form in which Euclid is read, and that in which he is generally taught. Unquestionably the best teachers depart largely from his words, and even from his methods. That is, they use the work of Euclid, but they would teach better without it. And this is especially true of the application to problems. Everybody recollects, even if he have not the daily experience, how unavailable for problems a boy's knowledge of Euclid generally is. Yet this is the true test of geometrical knowledge; and problems and original work ought to occupy a much larger share of a boy's time than they do at present.

On the other side there will be brought two arguments, and in general two arguments alone.

It will be urged that if Euclid is given up we shall lose the advantage of uniformity. Its place will be taken by scores of manuals of Geometry, and examinations in Geometry will become impossible. On such a point it will be difficult to persuade others that the advantage is nearly imaginary. The fact is, that Geometry when treated as a science, treated inartificially, falls into a certain order from

which there can be no very wide departure; and the manuals of Geometry will not differ from one another nearly so widely as the manuals of algebra or chemistry: yet it is not difficult to examine in algebra and chemistry. The experience of the French schools and examinations is decisive on this point. I am assured that they experience no such difficulty in examining as we might imagine. It is true that by the loss of Euclid less weight will be given to bookwork, and more to problems, in elementary Geometry; but surely this will not be thought an evil. And to allow some latitude of expression is to admit different degrees of elegance, accuracy and perspicuity, and cannot fail to encourage these merits in the style of the student.

Secondly, it is commonly said that Euclid is taught not so much for the sake of his Geometry as for the sake of his Logic.

It is most important that there should be no confusion of ideas on this point.

*Geometry* is taught on several grounds; one of which is that it forms an excellent subject-matter for continuous reasoning and clear demonstration; and the merit of Euclid's treatment of Geometry consists in his resolutely fixing the mind on the *things* with which the argument is concerned, and never allowing the substitution of mere *symbols*. Algebra fails as a discipline because it speedily degenerates into a manipulation of symbols: in Euclid every step is planted on firm ground. Geometry treated algebraically would lose this merit altogether; but it is not

proposed to treat Geometry algebraically. I contend that it is possible to present the science of Geometry in a more natural and simple order, and demonstrate the properties of figures by proofs differing in many cases from Euclid's, without being less rigorous.

And when it is urged that Euclid affords an excellent training in logic, it must not be forgotten that very heavy deductions have to be made from this argument.

For the test of logical training is the power of applying the same processes of reasoning to new matter. If a boy has learnt logic, he can use his logic. It is a mere delusion to believe that boys or men have got a logical training from the study of Euclid if they are unable to solve a problem or work a deduction. Their recollection of Euclid may be perfect, but the test of training is the *power* it has given; and if boys can produce no original work, the training is assuredly worth very little. The fact is, Euclid is a beautiful exercise in logic to a mathematician; but the mathematics must in many cases be learnt first, or the training is hopelessly out of the learner's reach.

Again, the artificial restrictions in Euclid are a serious drawback to his value as a logical training as well as to his system of Geometry. Many students of Euclid are incapable of distinguishing between a failure in a mathematical proof and in the observance of a conventional rule. Can it be called a good training in logic which obscures the distinction between what is artificial and what is necessary? Do not many mathematicians, trained in Euclid,

say that trisecting an angle or squaring a circle is a *Geometrical* impossibility, from this confusion of ideas? And again, Euclid's treatment of parallels distinctly breaks down in Logic. It rests on an axiom which is not axiomatic. It is often said that mathematicians shew more anxiety about their reasoning than about their premises. Whether this be so or not, mathematicians have Euclid's example to plead.

There is moreover a logic besides that of mere reasoning. It is a most valuable discipline in logic to train the mind to scientific order; to teach the relation of general truths to each other, and to the particular cases which fall under them; to make science light its own way by means of a natural arrangement. Now all this cannot be taught by Euclid at all, and might be taught by a well-arranged Geometry.

In short, the logical training to be got from Euclid is very imperfect, and in some respects bad; and yet to this imperfect logical training, such as it is, we confessedly sacrifice our Geometrical teaching: while it is possible to arrange Geometry in a lucid order, and adhering to rigorous methods of demonstration, teach the logic as inseparable from the science.

The very parts of Euclid's Geometry which are most admired by mathematicians, for their ingenuity and completeness, as for example his definition of Proportion in Book v., are open to fatal objections. "Common sense," says De Morgan, "requires that we should satisfy the notion of proportion existing in the mind previously to

entering on Geometry as evinced by sameness of relative magnitude, and not invent a new notion for the occasions of Geometry." The reasoning is exquisite and profound; it is too exquisite; it leaves on most men's minds the half-defined impression that all profound reasoning is something far-fetched and artificial, and differing altogether from good clear common sense.

In common then with some of our ablest mathematicians, and with many who are engaged in teaching mathematics, I am of opinion that the time is come for making an effort to supplant Euclid in our schools and universities. Already the fifth book has practically gone; and in consequence the study of the sixth book has become somewhat irrational.

For the improvement of our Geometrical teaching in England two things seem to be wanted. First, that Cambridge, and the Government Examiners, should follow the example of Oxford and London, and examine not in Euclid only, but in the Geometry of specified subjects, according to a programme for each examination. Secondly, that text-books should be written to illustrate what is required. This book is the first part of such a text-book of Elementary Geometry. Probably its method of treating propositions may be considered as sufficiently different from that common in England to justify its publication. At the same time it may be remarked, that the forthcoming second part, which is to embrace the Geometry of the Circle and the applications of proportion to Plane Geometry, ought to

bring out in a stronger light than is here possible the superiority of modern to ancient methods of Geometry. The present Part may be used either as introductory to Euclid, or as replacing the first two books. In a few years I hope that our leading mathematicians will have published, perhaps in concert, one or more text-books of Geometry, not inferior, to say the least, to those of France, and that they will supersede Euclid by the sheer force of superior merit.

In the compilation of this little book, I lay claim to no originality. I have read several French Geometries, and am under some obligations to them. I owe more to the valuable suggestions of my colleague the Rev. C. E. Moberly, who has the spirit without the prejudices of a geometrician. But much of what is most characteristic in the book is due to Dr Temple. It was at his wish that I undertook the work, as he is strongly impressed with the need of it; and his criticisms and his contributions to it have enabled me to rearrange it and improve it in some important respects. And this gives me confidence in publishing it. At the same time we feel that the experience of a few years in teaching with this book will enable me to make improvements in it, without departing widely from the lines here laid down. To Professor Hirst also I have the pleasure to express my thanks for some corrections and remarks.

The distinctive features of this work are intended to be the following. The classification of Theorems according  
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to their subjects; the separation of Theorems and Problems; the use of hypothetical constructions; the adoption of independent proofs where they are possible and simple; the introduction of the terms *locus*, *projection*, &c.; the importance given to the notion of direction as the property of a straight line; the intermixing of exercises, classified according to the methods adopted for their solution; the diminution of the number of theorems; the compression of proofs, especially in the latter part of the book; the tacit, instead of explicit, reference to axioms; and the treatment of parallels.

J. M. WILSON.

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# ELEMENTARY GEOMETRY.

## INTRODUCTION.

THE notions of a *solid*, a *surface*, a *line*, are obtained by experience from external objects. The science of *Geometry* deals with the properties and construction of *figures*, that is of solids, surfaces, and lines considered independently of the substances of which they are composed. *Plane* Geometry deals only with the line and *plane*, or flat surface; and the *elements* of plane Geometry include the properties only of the straight line and circle, and of combinations of straight lines and circles.

The Science of Geometry is *deductive*, certain common notions being assumed, and shewn to lead necessarily to those results which constitute the science. These common notions are called *axioms*, which are therefore *truths admitted without demonstrations*. Some of these are geometrical; others are applicable to all kinds of magnitude. The first should be stated explicitly, when they are first assumed; but the second are not peculiar to Geometry, and need not be stated explicitly.

A *Theorem* is a Geometrical truth which is capable of demonstration by reasoning from certain known truths.

A *Corollary* to a theorem is a geometrical truth easily deducible from that theorem.

The sign  $=$  is used to represent equality. Thus  $A = B$  is written to express that  $A$  is equal to  $B$ .

The signs  $>$   $<$  are used to express 'is greater than,' 'is less than:' thus  $C > D$  expresses that  $C$  is greater than  $D$ .

The sign  $+$  is used to express addition, and  $-$  to express subtraction.

The sign  $\therefore$  is used for *therefore*, and  $\because$  for *because*.

## BOOK I.

In the present Book we shall treat only of certain properties of straight lines.

### SECTION I. THE STRAIGHT LINE AND ANGLE.

*Def. 1.* A *Surface* is the boundary of a solid.


*Def. 2.* A *geometrical line* has position, and length, and at every point of it it has direction, but differs from a physical line in being considered as not having breadth or thickness.

The boundaries of a surface are *lines*.

*Def. 3.* A *geometrical point* has position, and differs from a physical point in being considered as not having magnitude.

The intersection of two geometrical lines, and the extremities of a geometrical line are *points*.

When lines and points are spoken of it will be understood that *geometrical* lines and points are intended.

*Def. 4.* A *straight line* is a line  which has the *same* direction at all parts of its length.

It has also the opposite direction; thus the direction of *AB* is opposite to that of *BA*.

A straight line may be conceived as generated by a point moving always in the *same* direction.

Other lines are called *broken, curved, or mixed*, as



These lines may be conceived as generated by a point which moves in a direction which is altered suddenly or gradually.

*Def. 5.* A *plane surface* is one in which any two points being taken, the straight line which joins them lies wholly in that surface.

Hence the practical test of a plane surface is that the straight edge of a ruler shall coincide with it in all positions.

#### *Axioms respecting straight lines.*

*Ax. 1.* That a straight line marks the shortest distance between any two of its points.

*Ax. 2.* That if two straight lines have two points in common they coincide wholly.

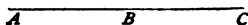
*Ax. 3.* A line may be conceived as transferred from any position to any other position, its magnitude being unaltered.



A straight line may be found equal to the *sum* of two lines by placing them in the same straight line with a common extremity, so that a point which by its motion has described the one, would, if its motion were *continued in the same direction*, immediately proceed to describe the other.

The operation of adding is expressed by the sign  $+$ .

Thus  $AB + BC = AC$ .



Similarly, the *difference* of two lines may be found by placing them in the same straight line, with a common extremity, so that a point which has described the one, would, if its motion were *reversed*, immediately proceed to describe the other.

The operation of subtracting is expressed by the sign  $-$ .

Thus  $AC - BC = AB$ .

The sign  $\sim$  placed between two quantities means that the less is to be subtracted from the greater ; thus

$$AB \sim AC = BC.$$

Lines are expressed arithmetically as multiples of some known length. Thus we speak of 7 yards, 11 miles, a yard and a mile being known lengths.

#### EXERCISES ON STRAIGHT LINES.

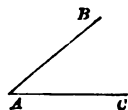
1. Prove that the sum and difference of two lines are together double of the greater of them.
2.  $AB$  is divided into two equal parts in  $O$ , and  $P$  is any point in the line  $AB$  : prove that  $\frac{1}{2}(AP \sim BP) = OP$ .
3. On the same supposition if  $P$  is any point in  $AB$  produced through  $A$  or  $B$ , prove that  $\frac{1}{2}(AP + BP) = OP$ .

*Angles.*

*Def. 6.* Two straight lines that meet one another form an *angle* at the point where they meet: and the lines are called the *arms* of the angle; and the point the *vertex* of the angle.

An angle is a magnitude, and is measured by the *quantity of turning* that one of its arms must undergo in order to be brought to coincide with the other.

It is obvious that the magnitude of an angle does not depend on the length of its arms.

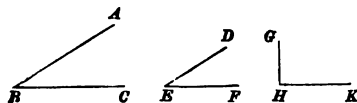


An angle may be conceived as generated by the rotation of an arm round its extremity, the motion being in one plane.

An angle is named by a single letter at the vertex, as *A*; or by a letter at the vertex placed between letters on each of the arms.

*Ax. 4.* An angle may be conceived as transferred to any other position, its magnitude being unaltered.

*Ax. 5.* Angles are *equal* when they could be placed on one another so that their vertices would coincide in position, and their arms in direction.



Thus the angles *B*, *E* are equal, if when *E* is placed on *B*, and *EF* on *BC*, then *ED* has the same direction as *BA*.

Conversely, angles which are equal can be conceived as placed on one another so as to coincide.

And angles which are unequal could not coincide.

The *sum* of two angles is found by placing them so as to have a common vertex and a common arm, and on opposite sides of the common arm, so that an arm which by its rotation has described one angle, would, if its motion were continued in the *same* direction, immediately proceed to describe the other.

Angles so placed are said to be *adjacent*.

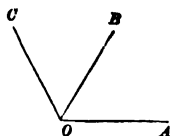
The *difference* of two angles is found by placing them on the same side of the common arm, so that the arm which has described the first angle would, if its motion were *reversed*, immediately proceed to describe the other.

Thus  $AOC$  is the sum of the angles  $AOB$ ,  $BOC$ ; and  $AOB$  is the difference of  $AOC$  and  $BOC$ .

This is expressed by saying

$$AOC = AOB + BOC$$

and  $AOB = AOC - BOC$ .



*Def. 7.* The *bisector* of an angle is the line that divides it into two equal angles. It is obvious that an angle can have one, and only one bisector. Thus if the angle  $AOB$  = the angle  $BOC$ , then  $OB$  is the bisector of the angle  $AOC$ .

#### EXERCISES ON ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION OF ANGLES.

1. Prove that if an angle  $AOC$  is bisected by  $OB$ , and divided into two unequal angles by  $OP$ , then

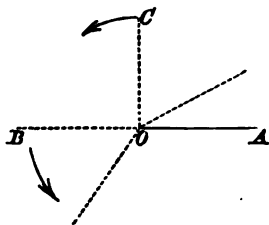
$$AOP - COP = 2 BOP.$$

2. Prove that if an angle  $AOC$  is bisected by  $OB$ , and a line  $OP$  is drawn outside the angle  $AOC$ , then  
 $AOP + COP = 2 BOP$ .

3. The sum and difference of two angles are together equal to twice the greater angle.

*Def. 8.* A line may be conceived to revolve continuously in one direction round its extremity until it returns once more to its initial position.

It is then said to have made *one revolution*.



*Def. 9.* When it coincides with what was initially its continuation, it has described *half a revolution*, and the angle it has then described is called a *straight angle*, because the arms of it form one straight line.

Thus the angle  $AOB$  is a straight angle. All straight angles are equal to one another. *Ax. 2 and 5.*

*Def. 10.* Half a straight angle, or a quarter of one revolution, is called a *right angle*.

Thus if  $AOC$  and  $COB$  are equal, each of them is a right angle, or half a straight angle, or a quarter of a revolution.

All right angles are therefore equal to one another.

*Def. 11.* A straight line is said to be *perpendicular* to another straight line when it makes a right angle with it.

Hence there can be only one perpendicular to a given line at a given point, on one side of that line, because only one line can make a right angle with the given line at that point.

*Def. 12.* An *acute angle* is one which is less than a right angle.

*Def. 13.* An *obtuse angle* is one which is greater than a right angle.

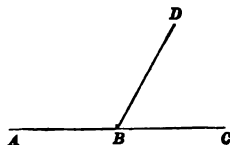
*Def. 14.* A *reflex angle* is one which is greater than a straight angle.

### THEOREM I.

*When a straight line stands upon another straight line, it will make the adjacent angles together equal to two right angles : and conversely, if two adjacent angles are equal to two right angles, the exterior arms of these angles will be in the same straight line.*

Let  $DB$  stand upon the straight line  $AC$ ; then will the adjacent angles  $ABD$ ,  $DBC$  be together equal to two right angles.

*Proof.* For the sum of  $ABD$  and  $DBC$  is the straight angle  $ABC$ , which is equal to two right angles. Def. 10.



Conversely, if  $ABD$  and  $DBC$  are together equal to two right angles,  $AB$  and  $BC$  will be in one straight line.

*Proof.* For  $ABD$  and  $DBC$  make up a straight angle by supposition, and therefore the arms of it,  $BA$  and  $BC$ , will be in one straight line. Def. 9.

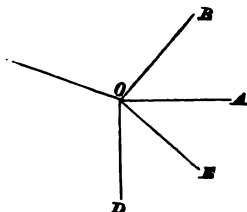
*Def. 15.* Two angles are said to be *supplementary* to one another when their sum is a straight angle.

*Def. 16.* Two angles are said to be *complementary* to one another when their sum is a right angle.

## THEOREM 2.

*The sum of all the angles made by any number of lines taken consecutively which meet at a point will be four right angles.*

Let any number of lines  $OA, OB, OC, OD, OE$  meet at  $O$ , then  $AOB + BOC + COD + DOE + EOA$  will make up four right angles.



*Proof.* For the sum of these angles is an angle of one revolution, which is equal to four right angles.

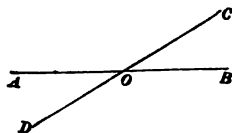
*Def. 17.* The opposite angles made by the intersection of two straight lines are called *vertically opposite angles*.

## THEOREM 3.

*Vertically opposite angles will be equal to one another.*

Let  $AOD, BOC$  be vertically opposite angles. They will be equal.

*Proof.* For since the same quantity of turning of  $AB$  round  $O$  which would make  $OB$  coincide with  $OC$ , would also make  $OA$  coincide with  $OD$ , it follows that the angle  $AOD =$  the angle  $BOC$ .



Similarly  $AOC = BOD$ .

*Def. 18.* Angles are expressed *arithmetically* as multiples of some known angle. For this purpose a right angle is divided into 90 equal angles which are called *degrees*, and written thus,  $45^\circ$ . A degree is subdivided into 60 equal parts called *minutes* and written thus,  $15'$ . And a minute is subdivided into 60 *seconds* ( $60''$ ).

## EXERCISES ON ANGLES.

1. If two straight lines intersect at a point, and one of the four angles is a right angle, prove that the other three are right angles.
2. If five lines meet at a point and make equal angles with one another all round that point, each of the angles will be four-fifths of a right angle. Express this in degrees.
3. If the four angles made by four straight lines which meet at a point are all right angles, prove that the four lines form two straight lines.
4. Two straight lines meet at a point. Are the angles at that point together equal to four right angles?
5. Prove that the bisectors of adjacent supplementary angles are at right angles to one another.
6. Find the angle between the bisectors of adjacent complementary angles.
7. Of two supplementary angles the greater is double of the less; find what fraction the less is of four right angles.
8. Twelve lines meet at a point so as to form a regular twelve-rayed star: find the number of degrees in the angle between consecutive rays.
9. If  $A$  is the number of degrees in any angle, prove that  $90^\circ + A^\circ$  is supplementary to  $90^\circ - A^\circ$ ; and that  $45^\circ + A^\circ$  is complementary to  $45^\circ - A^\circ$ .
10. Find the supplement and complement of  $21^\circ 35' 45''$ .
11. If four straight lines  $OA, OB, OC, OD$  meet at a point, and  $AOB = COD$ , and  $BOC = DOA$ , prove that  $AOC, BOD$  are straight lines.
12. Prove that the bisectors of the four angles which one straight line makes with another form two straight lines at right angles to one another.

## SECTION II. PARALLELS.

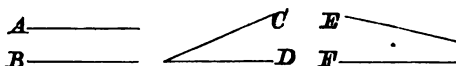
In the first section a single straight line was defined as a line which has the same *direction* at all parts of its length.

We now proceed to consider the relations of two or more straight lines in one plane in respect of direction.

*Ax.* 6. Two different straight lines may have either the same or different directions.

*Ax.* 7. Two different straight lines which meet one another have different directions.

*Ax.* 8. Two straight lines which have different directions would meet if prolonged indefinitely.



Thus *A* and *B* in the figure have the same direction; and *C* and *D* which meet have different directions; and *E* and *F* which have different directions would meet if produced far enough.

*Def.* 19. Straight lines which are not parts of the same straight line, but have the same direction, are called *parallels*.

From this definition, and the axioms above given, the following results are immediately deduced:

(1) That parallel lines would not meet however far they were produced.

For if they met, they would have different directions by *Ax.* 7.

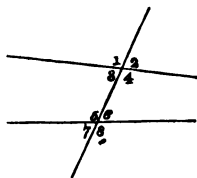


(2) That lines which are parallel to the same line are parallel to one another.

For they each have the same direction as that line, and therefore the same direction as the other.

*Def. 29.* When a straight line intersects two other straight lines it makes with them eight angles which have received special names.

In the figure 1, 2, 7, 8, are called *exterior* angles, and 3, 4, 5, 6, are called *interior* angles.



Again, 1 and 5 are said to be *corresponding* angles; so also are 2 and 6, 7 and 3, 8 and 4: and 3 and 6 are said to be *alternate* angles, so also are 4 and 5.

*Ax. 9.* An angle may be conceived as transferred from one position to another, the direction of its arms remaining the same.

#### THEOREM 4.

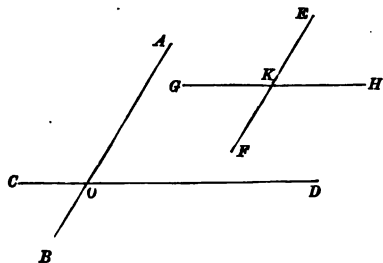
*If two lines are respectively parallel to two other lines, the angles made by the first pair will be equal or supplementary to the angles made by the second pair; equal, if both are taken in the same or both in the opposite direction; supplementary, if one is taken in the same and one in the opposite direction.*

Let  $AOB$ ,  $COD$  be respectively parallel to  $EKF$ ,  $GKH$ .

Then will the angle  $AOD$  be equal to  $EKH$  or  $GKF$ , and supplementary to  $EKG$  and  $HKF$ .

*Proof.* For conceive the angle  $AOD$  transferred to  $K$ ,

the direction of its arms being unaltered. *Ax.* 9. Then since, by hypothesis,  $OA$  and  $OD$  have the same direction as  $KE$  and  $KH$ , they would then coincide with  $KE$  and  $KH$ ; and the angle  $AOD$  would coincide with the angle  $EKH$ .



Therefore the angle  $AOD = EKH$ .

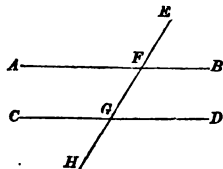
But  $EKH = GKF$  (Th. 3), and therefore  $AOD = GKF$ .

Also  $GKE$  or  $FKH$  is supplementary to  $EKH$  (Th. 1), and therefore  $GKE$  or  $FKH$  is supplementary to  $AOD$ .

**COR.** *If a straight line intersect two parallel lines, it will make the corresponding angles equal, the alternate angles equal, and the interior angles on the same side of the intersecting line supplementary.*

Let  $AB$ ,  $CD$  be parallels, and let  $EFGH$  intersect them.

Then will the angles at  $G$  be equal to the corresponding angles at  $F$ .



**Proof.** For conceive the angles at  $G$ , transferred to  $F$ , the direction of the lines being unaltered. Each angle would then coincide with its corresponding angle, and is therefore equal to it.

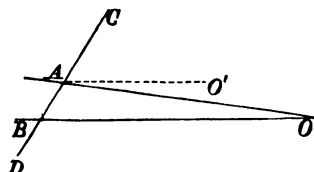
Also  $AFG$  is equal to  $EFB$  (Th. 3), and therefore equal to  $FGD$ , which is its alternate angle.

And  $BFG$  is supplementary to  $EFB$  (Th. 1), and therefore also to  $FGD$ .

#### THEOREM 5.

*If two straight lines meet in a point they will make unequal corresponding angles with every straight line which meets them.*

Let  $AO$  and  $BO$  meet at  $O$ , and be intersected by any straight line  $CD$ , in the points  $A$  and  $B$ . Then will the corresponding angles  $CAO$ ,  $CBO$  be unequal.



*Proof.* Then since  $AO$  and  $BO$  meet they have different directions (Ax. 7), and therefore if the angles  $B$  were transferred to  $A$ , the direction of their arms being unaltered, the arm  $BO$  would not coincide with  $AO$ , while  $BA$  would coincide with  $AC$ .

Hence the angle  $CAO$  is not equal to the corresponding angle  $CBO$ .

**COR. 1.** *Hence if two straight lines which are not parallel are intersected by a third, the alternate angles will be not equal, and the interior angles on the same side of the intersecting line will be not supplementary.*

**COR. 2.** *Hence also if the corresponding angles are equal, or the alternate angles equal, or the interior angles supplementary, the lines will be parallel.*

For they cannot be not parallel, for then the corresponding and alternate angles would be unequal by Cor. 1.

**COR. 3.** *From a given point outside a given line only one perpendicular can be let fall on that line.*

*Remark.* Theorems may often be arranged in groups of four; an original theorem, its opposite, its converse, and the converse of its opposite. Thus, "If  $A$  is  $B$ , then  $C$  will be  $D$ ," may be taken as the type of a theorem. "If  $A$  is  $B$ " is the *hypothesis* or supposition; " $C$  will be  $D$ " is the *conclusion*.

The *opposite* of a theorem is formed by negating the hypothesis and conclusion. Thus, "If  $A$  is not  $B$ , then  $C$  will not be  $D$ ," is the opposite of the original theorem.

The *converse* of a theorem is formed by transposing the hypothesis and conclusion. Thus, "If  $C$  is  $D$ , then  $A$  will be  $B$ " is the converse. And obviously, "If  $C$  is not  $D$ , then  $A$  will not be  $B$ " is the *converse of the opposite*, or the *opposite of the converse*.

It must be observed that if two of these theorems are true, then the rest follow logically.

Thus, "If two lines are parallel, the corresponding angles will be equal" is the original theorem; its opposite is, "If two lines are not parallel, the corresponding angles will be unequal." Hence the converse theorem follows that "if the corresponding angles are equal the lines will be parallel," and the converse of the opposite, that "if the corresponding angles are unequal the lines will not be parallel."

*Def. 21.* A figure enclosed by any number of straight lines is called a *polygon*.

It is called *convex* when no one of its angles is reflex.

It is called *regular* when it is equilateral and equiangular, that is when all its sides and angles are equal.

A regular four-sided figure is called a *square*.

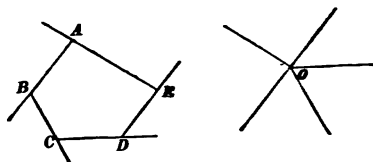
The line joining any two angles not adjacent is called a *diagonal*.

When the number of its sides is 3, 4, 5, 6..., it is called a *triangle*, a *quadrilateral*, a *pentagon*, a *hexagon*, and so on.

## THEOREM 6.

*The exterior angles of any convex polygon, made by producing the sides in succession, will be together equal to four right angles.*

Let  $ABCDE$  be a polygon having all its sides produced in succession; then will the sum of its exterior angles be equal to four right angles.



*Proof.* For conceive lines drawn through any point  $O$  parallel to the sides of the polygon, in the directions in which the sides are produced.

Then (by Theorem 4) the angles taken consecutively round  $O$  are equal to the exterior angles of the polygon. But the angles at  $O$  are together equal to four right angles (Th. 2). Therefore the exterior angles of the polygon are together equal to four right angles.

*COR.* Hence it may be shewn that all the interior angles of any polygon are less than twice as many right angles as the figure has sides by four right angles.

*Proof.* For each interior angle with its adjacent exterior angle = two right angles (Th. 1);

Therefore all the interior angles + all the exterior angles = twice as many right angles as the figure has sides;

But all the exterior angles = four right angles (Th. 6);

Therefore all the interior angles + four right angles = twice as many right angles as the figure has sides;

and therefore all the interior angles are less than twice as many right angles as the figure has sides by four right angles.

This Corollary leads to many interesting results.

Let it be required, for example, to find the magnitude of the angle of a regular hexagon. Since the six interior angles are less than twelve right angles by four right angles, they are together equal to eight right angles; and therefore each of them is eight-sixths of a right angle, or is  $1\frac{1}{3}$  of a right angle, or contains  $120^\circ$ .

#### EXERCISES.

1. Prove that the angles of any triangle are together equal to two right angles.

2. Shew that the angles of an equiangular triangle are equal to two-thirds of a right angle. Express them in degrees.

3. Find the magnitude of the angle of a regular octagon.

4. How many equiangular triangles can be placed so as to have one common angular point, and fill up the space round it?

5. Shew that three regular hexagons can be placed so as to have a common point, and fill up the space round that point.

6. Shew that two regular octagons and one square have the same property.

Draw a pattern consisting of octagons and squares.

7. Shew that the angle of a regular pentagon is to the angle of a regular decagon as 3 to 4.

8. If a line is perpendicular to another it will be perpendicular to every line parallel to it.

9. If a polygon is equilateral, does it follow that it is equiangular, and conversely?

10. Shew that the exterior angle of a regular polygon of  $n$  sides is  $\frac{1}{n}$  of  $360^\circ$ : and that its interior angle is  $(2 - \frac{4}{n})90^\circ$ .

11. How many diagonals can be drawn in a pentagon? How many in a decagon?

12. Shew that a square, a hexagon and a dodecagon will fill up the space round a point; and make a pattern of these polygons.

13. Examine whether a square, a pentagon and an icosagon have the same property; and also whether a pattern can be constructed of pentagons and decagons.

14. The exterior angle of a regular polygon is one-third of a right angle: find the number of sides in the polygon.

15. Two lines intersecting in  $A$  are respectively perpendicular to two lines intersecting in  $B$ : prove that any angle at  $A$  is equal or supplementary to any angle at  $B$ .

16. The arms of an angle  $A$  are equally inclined, in the same direction of rotation, to the arms of an angle  $B$ . Prove that the angle  $A$  is equal to the angle  $B$ .

## SECTION III. TRIANGLES.

*Def. 22.* A *triangle* is the figure contained by three straight lines, which are called its *sides*. The sum of the sides is sometimes called the *perimeter*.

*Def. 23.* A triangle is called *isosceles* when two of its sides are equal.

*Def. 24.* A triangle is called *equilateral* when all its sides are equal, and *equiangular* when all its angles are equal.

*Def. 25.* It is said to be *right-angled* or *obtuse-angled* when one of the angles is a right angle or an obtuse angle, and *acute-angled* when all its angles are acute angles.

*Def. 26.* A triangle is sometimes regarded as standing on one of its sides, which is then called its *base*; and the angle opposite that side is called the *vertex*. When two of the sides of a triangle have been mentioned, the remaining side is often spoken of as the *base*.

*Def. 27.* The term *hypotenuse* is used to describe the side of a right-angled triangle which is opposite to the right angle.

*Def. 28.* The *area* of a figure is the space enclosed by the sides of the figure.

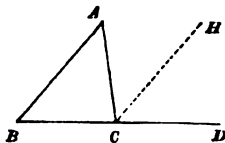
*Def. 29.* Triangles are said to be *equal in all respects* when they have the three sides and the three angles of the one equal to the three sides and the three angles respectively of the other, and the area of one equal to the area of the other.

*Ax. 10.* A triangle may be conceived as taken up and placed in any other position, the magnitude of its parts remaining unaltered.



## THEOREM 7.

*If one side of a triangle is produced, the exterior angle will be equal to the two interior and opposite angles, and the three interior angles of any triangle will be together equal to two right angles.*



Let the side  $BC$  of the triangle  $ABC$  be produced to  $D$ : then shall the angle  $ACD$  = the sum of the angles  $ABC$ ,  $CAB$ . And the three angles  $ABC$ ,  $BCA$ ,  $CAB$  shall be together equal to two right angles.

*Proof.* For if through  $C$  a line  $CH$  were drawn parallel to  $BA$ ,

the angle  $HCD$  = the corresponding angle  $ABC$  (Th. 4),  
and the angle  $ACH$  = the alternate angle  $BAC$  (Th. 4);  
 $\therefore$  the whole angle  $ACD$  = the two angles  $ABC + BAC$ .

And if  $ACB$  be added to these,  
the two angles  $ACD + ACB$  = the three angles  $ABC + BCA + CAB$ .

But  $ACD + ACB$  = two right angles (Th. 1);  
therefore  $ABC + BCA + CAB$  = two right angles.

*Remark.* This latter result is obviously a particular case of the preceding Theorem.

COR. 1. *It follows that no triangle can have more than one right angle or obtuse angle.*

COR. 2. *In a right-angled or obtuse-angled triangle the right or obtuse angle is the greatest angle.*

COR. 3. *In any right-angled triangle the two acute angles together make up one right angle.*

COR. 4. *An exterior angle of a triangle is greater than either of the interior and opposite angles.*

The four next Theorems are properties of a single triangle.

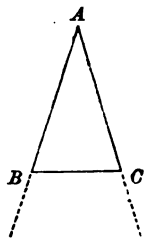
THEOREM 8.

*An isosceles triangle will have the angles at its base equal.*

Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle, having  $AB=AC$ .

Then shall the angle  $B$ =the angle  $C$ .

*Proof.* For conceive the triangle  $ABC$  taken up and put down in its former position, with the arms of the angle  $A$  transposed. (Ax. 10.) That is, let  $A$  be put down where it was before, and  $AC$  where  $AB$  was; then  $AB$  would be where  $AC$  was, since the angle at  $A$  is unchanged, and  $B$  would fall where  $C$  was, and  $C$  where  $B$  was, because  $AB=AC$ ; and  $BC$  would fall as it was before, but in a reversed position; that is, the angle  $B$  would fall on the angle  $C$ , and therefore the angle  $B$ =the angle  $C$ .



COR. 1. *The angles on the other side of the base, made by producing the equal sides, will be equal.*

For they are respectively supplementary to the angles at the base (Th. 1).

COR. 2. *An equilateral triangle will be equiangular.*

For every pair of the angles is equal.

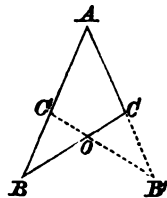
THEOREM 9. Oppositely.

*A triangle which is not isosceles will have the angles at its base unequal, the greater angle being opposite to the greater side.*

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle in which  $AB$  is greater than  $AC$ .

Then will the angle  $ACB$  be greater than the angle  $ABC$ .

*Proof.* Conceive the triangle  $BAC$  taken up and put down with the arms of



the angle at  $A$  transposed: that is, let  $AC$  fall as  $AC'$ , and  $AB$  as  $AB'$ , and therefore  $BC$  as  $B'C'$ ; and let  $BC, B'C'$  intersect in  $O$ .

Then the angle  $ACB$  is the same as the angle  $AC'B'$ ; but  $AC'B'$  is greater than  $ABC$ , because it is the exterior angle of the triangle  $OC'B$  (Th. 7, Cor. 4); and therefore  $ACB$  is greater than  $ABC$ .

THEOREM 10. Conversely.

*A triangle which has the angles at its base equal will be isosceles.*

Let the triangle  $ABC$  have the angles  $B$  and  $C$  equal.

Then shall  $AB = AC$ .



*Proof.* For  $AB$  is not unequal to  $AC$ , for then the angle  $C$  would be unequal to the angle  $B$  (Th. 9), which it is not and therefore  $AB = AC$ .

COR. *An equiangular triangle is equilateral.*

THEOREM 11. Conversely to the opposite.

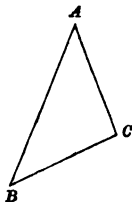
*A triangle which has two of its angles unequal shall have the sides opposite them unequal, the greater side being opposite to the greater angle.*

Let the angle  $ACB$  be greater than the angle  $ABC$ , then shall  $AB$  be greater than  $AC$ .

*Proof.* For  $AB$  is not equal to  $AC$ , for then (by Th. 8) the angle  $ABC$  would be equal to the angle  $ACB$ .

Nor is  $AB$  less than  $AC$ , for then the angle  $ACB$  would be less than  $ABC$  (by Th. 9);

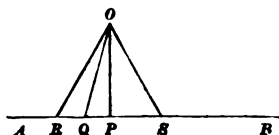
Therefore  $AB$  is greater than  $AC$ .



## THEOREM 12.

*Of all the straight lines that can be drawn from a given point to meet a given straight line, the shortest will be the perpendicular; and of the others, that which is further from the perpendicular will be greater than that which is nearer; and one, and only one, oblique can be drawn equal to any given oblique, and it will be on the other side of the perpendicular and equally inclined to it.*

Let  $O$  be the given point,  
 $AB$  the given straight line.  
 Then (by Theorem 5, Cor. 3)  
 there can be only one line  $OP$   
 perpendicular to  $AB$ .



Let  $OQ$  be any other line from  $O$  meeting  $AB$  in  $Q$ ;  
 $OP$  shall be less than  $OQ$ .

*Proof.* For since  $OPQ$  is a right angle,  $OQP$  is an acute angle (Th. 7, Cor. 2); that is,  $OPQ > OQP$ ,

and therefore  $OQ > OP$  by Theorem 11.

Hence  $OP$  is less than any other line  $OQ$ , and therefore is the least of all the lines drawn from  $O$  to  $AB$ .

Next let  $OQ, OR$  be two obliques of which  $OR$  is the further from the perpendicular, that is, makes the greater angle with it; then  $OR$  shall be greater than  $OQ$ .

*Proof.* For since  $OPQ$  is a right angle,  $OQR$  the exterior angle is an obtuse angle (Th. 2, Cor. 4); and  $ORQ$  is an acute angle; therefore  $OQR > ORQ$ ,

and therefore  $OR > OQ$  (Theorem 11).

Lastly, there can be drawn one, and only one, oblique equal to a given oblique, which will be equally inclined to the perpendicular and on the opposite side of it.

*Proof.* For if  $PS = PR$ , and the figure be conceived as folded on  $OP$ , it is clear that since the angles at  $P$  are right

angles,  $PS$  would fall on  $PR$ , and  $S$  on  $R$ , and therefore  $OS$  on  $OR$ . Therefore  $OS = OR$ . Moreover the angle  $POS =$  the angle  $POR$ , that is,  $OS$  and  $OR$  are equally inclined to the perpendicular  $OP$  on opposite sides of it.

Hence too it is evident that not more than two equal obliques can be drawn, for of the two on one side of the perpendicular one must be more remote from it than the other, and therefore must be greater than the other.

COR. 1. *Of two obliques, whether on the same or opposite sides of the perpendicular, the longer is more remote from the perpendicular than the shorter.*

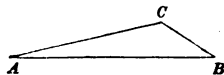
COR. 2. *Hence the distance of a point from a line is the perpendicular let fall from the point on the line.*

### THEOREM 13.

*Any two sides of a triangle will be together greater than the third side.*

*Proof.* For in any triangle  $ACB$ ,  $AB$  is the straight line joining  $A$  and  $B$ , and is therefore shorter than the broken line  $ACB$ ,

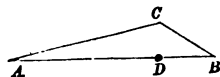
AX. 1.



COR. *It follows that the difference of any two sides of a triangle will be less than the third side.*

For from  $AB$  cut off  $AD = AC$ .

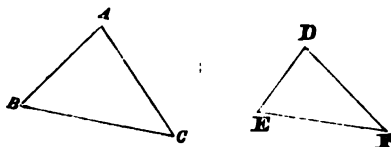
Then  $DB$  is the difference between  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Since therefore  $AC + CB > AD + DB$ , and  $AC = AD$ , it follows that  $CB$  is greater than  $DB$ ; that is,  $DB$  is less than  $CB$ .



The next seven theorems contain properties of a pair of triangles.

THEOREM. 14.

*If two angles of one triangle are equal respectively to two angles of another triangle, then shall the third angles of the triangles be equal.*



Let the two angles  $B$  and  $C$  of the triangle  $ABC$  be respectively equal to  $E$  and  $F$  of the triangle  $DEF$ . Then shall the angle  $A$  be equal to the angle  $D$ .

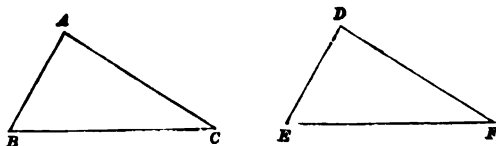
*Proof.* For  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  together make up two right angles (Th. 7), and so also do  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $F$ . Therefore, since  $B$  and  $C$  are equal to  $E$  and  $F$ , it follows that  $A$  must be equal to  $D$ .

*Remark.* These triangles are said to be *equiangular to one another*.

NOTE.—By *corresponding* angles in any two triangles are meant those which are opposite to equal sides; and by *corresponding* sides are meant those which are opposite to equal angles.

## THEOREM 15.

*If two triangles are equiangular to one another and have a side of the one equal to the corresponding side of the other, then triangles will be equal in all respects.*



Let  $ABC$ ,  $DEF$  be the two triangles, in which the angles  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  are respectively equal to  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$ ; and one side  $BC$  equal to the corresponding side  $EF$ .

Then shall the triangles be equal in all respects.

*Proof.* For if the triangle  $ABC$  be conceived (Ax. 10) as placed on the triangle  $DEF$ , so that the side  $BC$  coincides with the equal side  $EF$ , then  $BA$  will fall on  $ED$ , since the angle  $B =$  the angle  $E$ ; and  $CA$  will fall on  $FD$ , since the angle  $C =$  the angle  $F$ .

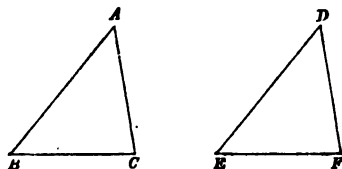
Therefore  $A$  will fall on  $D$ , and the triangles will coincide, and are therefore equal in all respects: that is,  $AB = DE$ ,  $AC = DF$ , and the area of the triangle  $ABC =$  the area of the triangle  $DEF$ .

## THEOREM 16.

*If two sides and the included angle of one triangle are respectively equal to two sides and the included angle of another, the triangles will be equal in all respects.*

Let the two sides  $BA$ ,  $AC$  of the triangle  $BAC$  be respectively equal to the two sides  $ED$ ,  $DF$  of the triangle

$EDF$ , and let them contain the angle  $BAC =$  the angle  $EDF$ ; then will the triangles be equal in all respects.

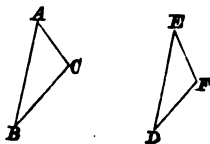


*Proof.* For the angle at  $A$  can be conceived (Ax. 10) as placed on the angle  $D$ , since these angles are equal,  $AB$  lying on  $DE$ , and  $AC$  on  $DF$ ; and  $B$  and  $C$  would then coincide respectively with  $E$  and  $F$ , since  $AB = DE$  and  $AC = DF$ .

Hence  $BC$  would fall on  $EF$ , since these lines would have two points in common (Ax. 2); and therefore  $BC$  must be equal to  $EF$ , and the angles  $B$  and  $C$  respectively coincide with and are equal to the angles  $E$  and  $F$ ; and the area of the triangle  $ABC$  is equal to the area of the triangle  $DEF$ .

#### THEOREM 17. Oppositely.

*If two sides of one triangle are respectively equal to two sides of another, but the included angles are unequal, the bases shall be unequal, that base being the greater which is opposite the greater angle.*

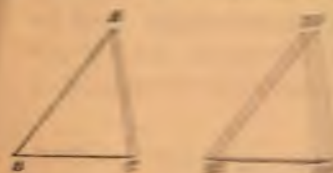


Let the two sides  $BA$ ,  $AC$  of the triangle  $BAC$  be respectively equal to the two sides  $DE$ ,  $EF$  of the triangle





Let them contain the angle  $BAC$  equal to the angle  $EDF$ , and let the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  be equal to the sides  $DE$  and  $DF$  respectively. Then will the triangles be equal in all respects.



For the angle at  $E$  is the same as the angle at the angle  $D$ , since these angles are equal to  $BAC$  and  $EDF$ , and  $AC$  on  $DF$ , and  $AB$  on  $DE$ , and the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  are equal to the sides  $DE$  and  $DF$  respectively. Hence  $BC$  would fall on  $EF$ , since these lines would have two points in common, the point  $B$  and the point  $E$  equal to  $E$ , and the angle  $B$  equal to the angle  $E$ , and the angle  $C$  equal to the angle  $F$ , and the sides  $BC$  and  $EF$  would be equal to  $BC$  and  $EF$  respectively. Hence the triangles  $ABC$  and  $DEF$  are equal in all respects.

### THEOREM 17. Corollary.

If two sides of one triangle are equal to two sides of another, and the angles included between them shall be equal, then the triangles shall be equal in all respects.

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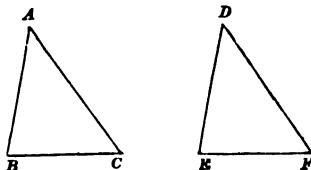
## THEOREM 20.

*If two triangles have two sides of the one equal to two sides of the other, and the angle opposite that which is not the less of the two sides of the one equal to the corresponding angle of the other, the triangles shall be equal in all respects.*

Let  $ABC$ ,  $DEF$  be the two triangles, having the sides  $BA$ ,  $AC$  equal to the sides  $ED$ ,  $DF$  respectively, of which  $AC$  is not less than  $AB$ , and having also the angle  $B =$  the angle  $E$ .

Then shall the triangles be equal in all respects.

*Proof.* For if  $AC = AB$ , and  $DE = DF$ , the angles  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$  are equal, and the remaining angle  $A =$  the remaining angle  $D$ , and the triangles are equal in all respects by Theorems (15) or (16).

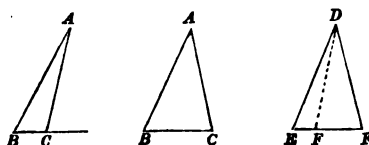


If  $AC$  is  $> AB$ , then since  $AB = DE$  it could be placed so as to coincide with it; and since the angle  $B =$  the angle  $E$ , the line  $BC$  would coincide in direction with  $EF$ , and the point  $C$  would fall somewhere on  $EF$ , or on  $EF$  produced through  $F$ .

It remains to see the effect of the only remaining condition that  $AC = DF$ ,

Now the line  $AC$  has one extremity  $A$  on  $D$ , and the other extremity  $C$  somewhere on  $EF$ , or on  $EF$  produced through  $F$ , and  $AC = DF$ . But there is no oblique equal to  $DF$ , and not coinciding with it, that can be drawn from  $D$  to any point in  $EF$ ; for since  $DF$  is  $> DE$  it is more remote from the perpendicular (Th. 12, Cor.); and therefore the oblique equal to  $DF$  would lie on the other side of  $DE$ , and have its extremity in  $EF$  produced through  $E$ .

Hence  $AC$  would coincide with  $DF$ , and the triangles are therefore equal in all respects.



COR. 1. *If the side opposite the given angle were less than the side adjacent, there would be two triangles, as in the figure; and the proof given above is inapplicable.*

This is called the *ambiguous case*.

COR. 2. *If the given angle is a right angle, the side opposite to it must be greater than the side adjacent; by Th. 11. Hence if two right-angled triangles have the hypotenuse and one side of the one equal respectively to the hypotenuse and one side of the other, the triangles are equal in all respects.*

This corollary is of very frequent use.

COR. 3. *A similar property is obviously true of two obtuse-angled triangles.*

## EXERCISES ON TRIANGLES.

The theorems respecting triangles, which follow from the elementary properties of triangles proved above, are of two kinds; which announce respectively the equality, or the inequality of lines and angles.

Theorems of equality depend on Theorems 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, and theorems of inequality on Theorems 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, given above.

We shall give a few examples of these theorems with demonstrations, and add some exercises which may be left to the student's ingenuity to prove. They require an application of these general theorems to the special data of the theorem proposed.

The general method to be adopted in the solution of theorems of equality is the following. Examine fully the statement of the question; see what is included among the *data*: what lines and angles are *given* equal. Then see what is required to be proved, what lines or angles have to be proved to be equal. It may follow from the properties proved (in Theorems 7, 8, 10) of a single triangle; or it may depend on the equality of a pair of triangles. Examine the triangles of which they form corresponding parts, and see whether the data are sufficient to prove *these* triangles equal. If the data are sufficient, the solution is effected by comparing the triangles, and shewing the required equality of the lines and angles; if not, the data must be used to establish results, which in their turn can be used to establish the conclusion required.

The beginner will do well to arrange his proofs in the manner shewn in the examples, giving references in the margin.

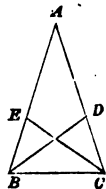
*Theorems of Equality.*

1. *The lines which bisect the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle, and meet the opposite sides, are equal.*

Let  $ABC$  be an isosceles triangle.

*Data.*  $AB = AC$ , and the angles at  $B$  and  $C$  bisected by  $BD$ ,  $CE$ .

*Proof.* In the triangles  $AEC$ ,  $ADB$  we have  $AC = AB$ . *Data.*  
 angle at  $A$  common  
 and angle  $ACE = \text{angle } ABD$ : *Data & Th. 8.*



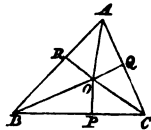
Therefore the base  $CE =$  the base  $BD$ , Th. 15.

2. *The bisectors of the three angles of a triangle meet in one point.*

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let the bisectors of the angles  $ABC$ ,  $ACB$  be  $BO$ ,  $CO$ , meeting in  $O$ ; then the theorem will be proved if we can shew that  $AO$  is the bisector of the angle  $BAC$ .

Let perpendiculars  $OP$ ,  $OQ$ ,  $OR$  be drawn to the three sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ .

*Proof.* In the triangles  $OQC$ ,  $OPC$  we have  $OQC = OPC$  *Const.*  
 $OCQ = OCP$  *Data.*  
 $OC$  common.



Therefore  $OQ = OP$  by Theorem 15.

Similarly from the triangles  $OPB$ ,  $ORB$ , it follows that  $OP = OR$ ; therefore  $OR = OQ$ ;

And therefore the right-angled triangles  $OQA$ ,  $ORA$  have the hypotenuse and one side of the one equal to the hypotenuse and one side of the other, and are therefore equal in all respects by Theorem 20, Cor. 2.

Therefore the angle  $OAQ =$  the angle  $OAR$ , that is,  $OA$  is the bisector of the angle  $BAC$ .

## EXERCISES ON TRIANGLES.

*Theorems of Equality.*

1.  $OA$  and  $OB$  are any two equal lines, and  $AB$  is joined; shew that  $AB$  makes equal angles with  $OA$  and  $OB$ .
2. If the bisectors of the equal angles  $B, C$ , of an isosceles triangle meet in  $O$ , shew that  $OBC$  is also an isosceles triangle.
3. If  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle and  $A$  is double of either  $B$  or  $C$ , shew that  $A$  is a right angle.
4. If  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle and  $A$  is half of either  $B$  or  $C$ , shew that  $A$  is two-fifths of a right angle.
5. Find the angle between the lines that bisect the angles at the base of the triangle in the last question.
6. The perpendiculars let fall from the extremities of the base of an isosceles triangle on the opposite sides will include an angle supplementary to the vertical angle of the triangle.
7. The line drawn to bisect the vertical angle of an isosceles triangle will also bisect the base, and be perpendicular to it.
8. The lines joining the middle points of the sides of an isosceles triangle to the opposite extremities of the base will be equal to one another.
9. The line drawn from the vertex of an isosceles triangle to bisect the base, will cut it at right angles, and bisect the vertical angle.
10. The perpendiculars let fall from the extremities of the base of an isosceles triangle upon the opposite sides will be equal, and will make equal angles with the base.
11. The perpendicular let fall from the vertex of an isosceles triangle to the base, will bisect the base and the vertical angle.

12. If two exterior angles of a triangle be bisected by straight lines which meet in  $O$ , prove that the perpendiculars from  $O$  on the sides or sides produced of the triangle are equal to one another.

13. Prove that the lines which bisect the sides of a triangle and are perpendicular to them meet in one point.

*Theorems of Inequality.*

1. If  $P$  is any point within the triangle  $ABC$ , prove that  $PA + PB < CA + CB$ , but the angle  $APB >$  the angle  $ACB$ .

*Proof.* Produce  $AP$  to meet  $BC$  in  $Q$ .

Then  $AC + CQ > AQ$  (Th. 13),

and therefore  $AC + CB > AQ + QB$ ;

also  $PQ + QB > PB$  (Th. 13),

and therefore  $AQ + QB > AP + PB$ ;

much more then are  $AC + CB > AP + PB$ .

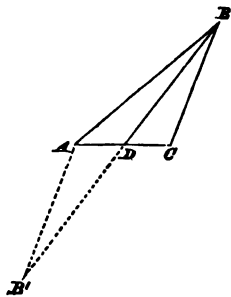
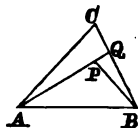
And the angle  $APB > AQB$ , and  $AQB > ACB$  (Th. 7, Cor.); much more then is  $APB > ACB$ .

2. The line that joins the vertex to the middle point of the base of a triangle is less than half the sum of the two sides.

Let  $D$  be the middle point of  $AC$ , then is  $BD$  less than half the sum of  $AB$ ,  $BC$ .

*Proof.* Produce  $BD$  to  $B'$ , making  $DB' = DB$ . Join  $AB'$ .

Then since the two triangles  $BDC$ ,  $ADB'$  have two sides  $BD$ ,  $DC$  and the included angle  $BDC$  of the one respectively equal to the two sides  $B'D$ ,  $DA$





and the included angle  $BDA$  of the other, therefore (Theorem 16) the base  $BC =$  the base  $AB$  ;

but  $BA + AB > BB$  (Th. 13),

$\therefore AB + BC > BB$ , which is twice  $BD$ ,

that is,  $BD$  is less than half the sum of  $AB$  and  $BC$ .

The line  $BD$  is called a *median* of the triangle.

### EXERCISES ON TRIANGLES.

#### *Theorems of Inequality.*

1. Prove that any one side of a four-sided figure is less than the sum of the other three sides.

2. Prove that the sum of the lines which join the opposite angles of any four-sided figure is together greater than the sum of either pair of opposite sides of the figure.

3. Prove that the sum of the diagonals of a quadrilateral figure is less than the sum of the four lines which can be drawn to the angles from any other point than the intersection of the diagonals.

4.  $O$  is any point within the triangle  $ABC$ ; prove that  $OA + OB + OC$  are less than the sum, and greater than half the sum of  $AB + BC + CA$ .

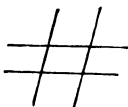
5. Prove that the sum of the four sides of a quadrilateral figure is greater than the sum and less than twice the sum of the diagonals.

6. If  $ABC$  is a triangle in which  $AB$  is greater than  $AC$ , and  $D$  is the middle point of  $BC$ , and  $AD$  is joined, prove that the angle  $ADB$  is an obtuse angle.

7. Prove that the sum of the three sides of a triangle is greater than the sum of the three medians,

## SECTION IV. PARALLELOGRAMS.

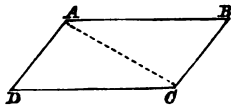
*Def. 30.* A four-sided figure of which the opposite sides are parallel is called a *parallelogram*.



## THEOREM 21.

*The opposite angles and sides of a parallelogram will be equal, and the diagonal, or the line which joins its opposite angles, will bisect it.*

For, first, since the lines which meet in  $B$  are respectively parallel to the lines which meet in  $D$ , and are both drawn in opposite directions from those points, the angle at  $B$  = the angle at  $D$  by Theorem 4.



Similarly the angle at  $A$  = the angle at  $C$ .

Again, if  $AC$  be joined, since the angles  $BAC$ ,  $BCA$  are respectively equal to their alternate angles  $DCA$ ,  $DAC$ , and  $AC$  is common, the two triangles  $ABC$ ,  $CDA$  will be equal in all respects (by Theorem 15), and therefore  $AB = CD$ ,  $BC = AD$ , and the area  $ABC$  = the area  $ADC$ .

*COR. I.* It is obvious that the triangle  $ADC$  is half the parallelogram  $ADCB$ .

COR. 2. *If one of the angles of a parallelogram is a right angle, the others also are right angles.*

Def. 31. A parallelogram which is right-angled is called a *rectangle*.

Def. 32. A parallelogram all whose sides are equal is called a *rhombus*.

Def. 33. A rectangle which has all its sides equal is called a *square*.

Def. 34. A four-sided figure which has only one pair of opposite sides parallel is called a *trapezium*.

#### EXERCISES ON PARALLELOGRAMS.

1. Shew that a trapezium may be divided into a parallelogram and a triangle.

2. Or into a rectangle and two right-angled triangles.

3. The diagonals of any parallelogram will bisect one another.

4. The diagonals of a rhombus will bisect one another at right angles.

5. If two straight lines be drawn bisecting one another, and their extremities be joined, the figure so formed will be a parallelogram.

6. Given that a four-sided figure has its opposite sides equal, prove that it must be a parallelogram.

7. Prove that the diagonals of a rectangle are equal to one another.

8. The straight lines which join the extremities of equal and parallel straight lines towards the same parts will be themselves also equal and parallel.

9. Prove that parallel straight lines are everywhere equidistant.

## SECTION V. PROBLEMS OF CONSTRUCTION.

In the Science of Geometry there are not only theorems to be proved, but constructions to be effected, which are called *problems*. Geometers have always imposed certain limitations on themselves with respect to the instruments which might be used in these constructions. There is no reason why any convenient instrument used in the Art should not be supposed to be used in the Science of Geometry, such as the square, parallel ruler, sector, protractor; but the ruler and compasses suffice for nearly all the simpler constructions, and those which cannot be effected by their means are considered as not forming a part of Elementary Geometry. There are some problems, that seem at first sight not very difficult, that cannot be solved by the use of these instruments. We can, for example, bisect an angle; but we cannot, in general, trisect it, that is, divide it into three equal parts, by any combination of ruler and compasses. It may be observed that the ruler is simply a straight edge, not graduated, and the compasses are supposed to be transferable from one part of the figure to another, the distance between the points being unaltered.

The solution of a problem in Elementary Geometry as above defined consists

- (1) in indicating how the ruler and compasses are to be used in effecting the construction required;
- (2) in proving that the construction so given is correct;
- (3) in discussing the limitations, which sometimes exist, within which alone the solution is possible.

We shall give several examples of such problems, and then discuss the principles of the methods we have used. It will be observed that in the figures we make the given lines thick, the resulting line or lines thin, and the lines used only in the construction or proof dotted.

*Def. 35.* A circle is a plane figure contained by a line called the *circumference* such that all the points in that line are equally distant from a certain point which is called the *centre* of the circle. The distance of any point on the circumference from the centre is called the *radius* of the circle.

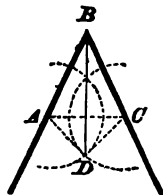
#### PROBLEM I.

*To bisect a given angle, that is, to divide it into two equal parts.*

*Construction.* Let  $ABC$  be the given angle.

Take any equal lengths  $BA$ ,  $BC$ , and join  $AC$ .

With centre  $A$  and any radius greater than half  $AC$  describe a circle, and with centre  $C$  and the same radius describe another circle intersecting the former circle in  $D$ .



Join  $AD$ ,  $CD$ , and  $BD$ ;

Then  $BD$  shall bisect the angle  $ABC$ .

*Proof.* For the triangles  $ABD$ ,  $CBD$  have obviously the three sides of the one equal (by the construction) to the three sides of the other, and therefore (by Theorem 18) the corresponding angles  $ABD$ ,  $CBD$  are equal.

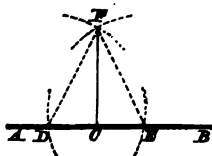
*Remark.* It is assumed here that if a circle has one point inside another circle, the circumferences will intersect one another.

## PROBLEM 2.

*To draw a perpendicular to a given straight line from a given point in it.*

This is a particular case of Problem 1. For let  $AB$  be the given line,  $C$  the given point in it; then  $ACB$  is a straight angle, which it is required to bisect. The construction is therefore the same.

*Construction.* With centre  $C$  and any radius describe a circle to cut the straight line in two points  $D, E$ , so that  $CD = CE$ .



With centre  $D$  and any radius greater than  $DC$  describe a circle, and with centre  $E$  and the same radius describe a circle, cutting the former in  $F$ .

Join  $FC$ .

Then  $FC$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ .

*Proof.* For the triangles  $DCF, ECF$  have by the construction the three sides of the one equal respectively to the three sides of the other.

And therefore the corresponding angles  $DCF, ECF$  are equal to one another (Th. 18), and therefore they are right angles by Def. 10.

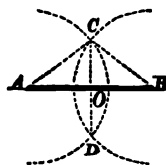
**NOTE.**—This construction is usually effected in practice by means of the square.

## PROBLEM 3.

*To bisect a given straight line.*

Let  $AB$  be the given straight line.

*Construction.* With centre  $A$  and any radius greater than half  $AB$  describe a circle, and with centre  $B$  and the same radius describe a circle intersecting the former in two points  $C$  and  $D$ .



Join  $CD$  cutting  $AB$  in  $O$ .

Then  $O$  will be the point of bisection.

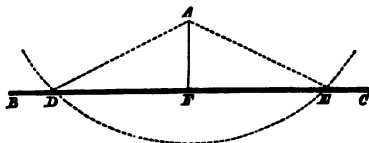
*Proof.* For by the last Problem  $CD$  is so drawn as to bisect the angle  $ACB$ ;

And then in the triangles  $ACO$ ,  $BCO$  we have  $AC = BC$ ,  $CO$  common, and the included angles  $ACO$ ,  $BCO$  equal:

And therefore by Theorem 16, the base  $AO =$  the base  $BO$ : that is,  $O$  is the point of bisection of  $AB$ .

## PROBLEM 4.

*To draw a perpendicular to a given straight line from a given point without it.*



Let  $BC$  be the given straight line,  $A$  the given point.

*Construction.* With centre  $A$  describe a circle with any sufficient radius to cut  $BC$  in two points  $D$ ,  $E$ .

Bisect  $DE$  in  $F$  (Prob. 3). Join  $AF$ .

Then  $AF$  shall be perpendicular to  $BC$ .

*Proof.* For if  $AD$ ,  $AE$  be joined, it is clear that the triangles  $AFD$ ,  $AFE$  have the three sides of the one respectively equal to the three sides of the other.

Therefore the angle  $AFD$  = the corresponding angle  $AFE$  (Th. 16), and therefore  $AF$  is perpendicular to  $BC$  (Def. 10).

NOTE.—This construction also is usually effected in practice by means of the square.

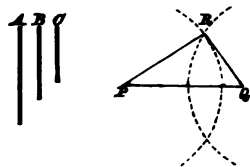
A large class of problems consists of those in which a triangle has to be constructed under certain conditions. We shall take the most important cases, which are also the simplest.

#### PROBLEM 5.

*To construct a triangle, having given the lengths of the three sides.*

Let the three given lengths be the lines  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ .

*Construction.* Draw a line  $PQ$  equal to one of them  $A$ . With centre  $P$  and radius equal to  $B$  describe a circle; and with centre  $Q$  and radius equal to  $C$  describe a circle. Let these circles intersect in  $R$ . Join  $RP$ ,  $RQ$ .



$RPQ$  is the triangle required.

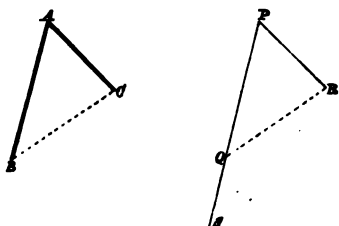
*Proof.* For its three sides are by the construction equal to the three given lines.

*Limitation.*—It is necessary that any two of the lines  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  should be together greater than the third. For if  $B$  and  $C$  were together less than  $A$ , the circles in the figure would obviously not meet: and if they were together equal to  $A$ , the point  $R$  would be on  $PQ$ , and the triangle would be-



come a straight line. Similarly if  $B$  were greater than  $A + C$  or  $C$  greater than  $A + B$ , the circles would not intersect. This limitation might be anticipated from the theorem before proved, that any two sides of a triangle are together greater than the third side.

COR. 1. Hence it is possible with the ruler and compasses alone to effect what is performed in practice generally by means of the sector or protractor, viz. *to make an angle equal to a given angle*.



Let  $BAC$  be the given angle.

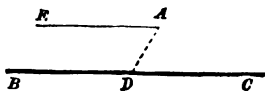
Join any two points  $B, C$  in its sides. Construct a triangle  $PQR$  having its three sides  $PQ, QR, RP$  respectively equal to  $AB, BC, CA$ .

Then (by Theorem 18) the angle  $P$  is equal to the angle  $A$ .

COR. 2. *An angle equal to a given angle may be made at any point, and such that one of the lines containing it may be any given line through the point.*

Thus if  $P$  were the given point,  $PS$  the given line,  $PQ$  must be taken equal to  $AB$ , and the rest of the construction is the same as before.

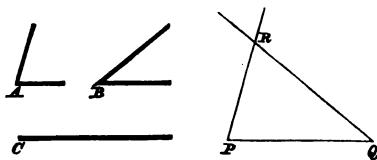
COR. 3. Hence through any point a straight line can be drawn parallel to a given straight line.



Let  $A$  be the given point,  $BC$  the given line. Draw any line  $AD$  to meet  $BC$ , and make the angle  $DAE$  equal to the alternate angle  $ADC$ . Then by Theorem 5, Cor. 2,  $AE$  is parallel to  $BC$ .

#### PROBLEM 6.

To construct a triangle, having given two angles and a side adjacent to both.



Let  $A, B$  be the two angles,  $C$  the given side.

Take a line  $PQ = C$ . At the points  $P, Q$  make angles equal respectively to  $A$  and  $B$  (Prob. 5, Cor. 1). Let the lines which contain these angles meet in  $R$ .

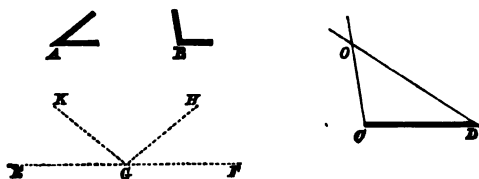
Then  $RPQ$  is the triangle required.

*Limitation.*—The two given angles must be together less than two right angles, or the lines  $PQ, QR$  would not meet. This follows also from the theorem that the three interior angles of a triangle are together equal to two right angles.

## PROBLEM 7.

*Having given two angles and a side opposite to one of them, to construct the triangle.*

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the given angles,  $CD$  the given side which is to be opposite to  $A$ .



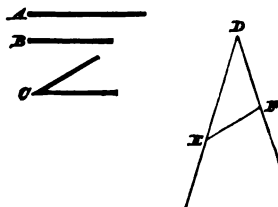
*Construction.* Draw an indefinite straight line  $EF$ . At any point  $G$  in it make the angles  $FGH = A$ , and  $HGK = B$  (Prob. 5), then  $KGE$  will equal the third angle of the triangle, since the sum of the three angles of a triangle is equal to two right angles (Th. 7). At  $C$  and  $D$  make angles equal to  $HGK$  and  $KGE$ , and let their sides meet in  $O$ ; then  $OCD$  is the triangle required.

*Proof.* For the angle  $O$  is the supplement of the angles  $OCD + ODC$ , and must therefore be equal to  $HGF$ , that is, to  $A$ .

*Limitation.*—As before the two given angles must be together less than two right angles.

## PROBLEM 8.

To construct a triangle, having given two sides and the angle between them.



Let  $A, B$  be the given sides,  $C$  the given angle.

*Construction.* Draw an angle  $D$  equal to the given angle, and take  $DE, DF$  equal to  $A$  and  $B$ . Join  $EF$ .

This problem needs no proof.

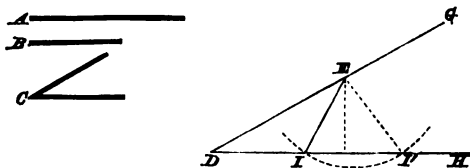
*Remark.* In these problems we have found that one triangle and only one can be constructed to fulfil the conditions given. In other words that with these *data* the triangle is *determinate*. Also we notice that in each case *three* elements in the triangle are *data* or given. We have given either the three sides, or two angles and the side adjacent to both, or two angles and a side opposite to one, or two sides and the included angle. And these cases correspond to the theorems proved above of the equality of triangles. For if *only one* triangle can be constructed so as to have its sides equal to three given lines, it is clear that if two triangles have the three sides of the one equal to the three sides of the other, these triangles must be identical, or be equal in all respects. And a similar remark may be made on the other cases we have considered.

But there are cases in which the data may be insufficient to determine the triangle. For example, if only two sides are given, an indefinite number of different triangles may be constructed to have these sides. Or if the three angles are given, their sum being equal to two right angles, an indefinite number of triangles may be constructed to have these three angles. And again it may be impossible to construct the triangle with the given data, as has been already shewn. In some cases moreover the solution is *ambiguous*, that is, there may be more than one triangle which fulfils the given conditions. The following is an important instance of this, and is usually called *the ambiguous case*, spoken of in Theorem 20.

#### PROBLEM 9.

*To construct a triangle having given two sides and an angle opposite to one of them.*

Let  $A, B$  be the given sides,  $C$  the angle to be opposite to the side  $B$ .



Take an angle  $GDH = C$ , take  $DE = A$ , and with centre  $E$  and radius  $= B$  describe a circle. If  $I$  is one of the points in which this circle meets the line  $DH$ , by joining  $EI$  we obtain a triangle which fulfils the given conditions.

But several cases may arise.

Let the given angle be acute, as in the figure.

Then, by Theorem 12,

(1) . If  $B$  is less than the perpendicular from  $E$  on  $DH$ , the circle would not meet  $DH$ , and the triangle would be *impossible*.

(2) If  $B$  is equal to the perpendicular, the circle would meet  $DH$  at the foot of the perpendicular, and there would be *one triangle, right-angled*, which fulfils the given conditions.

(3) If  $B$  is greater than the perpendicular but less than  $DE$ , then the circle will meet  $DH$  in two points  $I, I'$  as in the figure, on the same side of  $D$ , and there will be *two triangles  $EDI, EDI'$*  which fulfil the given conditions.

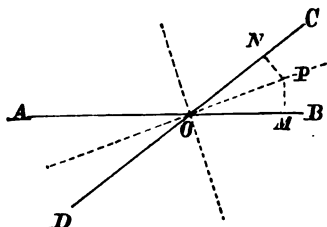
(4) If  $B$  is greater than  $DE$ , the circle will meet  $DH$  in two points on the opposite sides of  $D$ , but one only of the triangles made by joining  $EI, EI'$  will be found to have the angle  $D$ , and the other will have the supplementary angle: that is, there will be only *one solution*.

The cases of the given angle being a right angle or an obtuse angle we leave to the ingenuity of the student.

### LOCI.

When a point is required which is to satisfy one geometrical condition, the problem is generally indeterminate, that is, there is an infinite number of points which satisfy the condition. For example, if a point is to be found equally distant from two given straight lines of indefinite

length  $AOB$ ,  $COD$ , it is clear that the condition is satisfied by any number of points like those marked in the figure.



*The assemblage of such points as fulfil the given condition is called the locus of these points.* In the example given, the locus consists of the bisectors of the angles at  $O$ , which form two straight lines at right angles: and the proof consists in shewing that if  $P$  be any point on the bisector  $OP$ , and  $PN$ ,  $PM$  are perpendiculars on  $OB$ ,  $OA$ ; the triangles  $PON$ ,  $POM$  are equiangular to one another, and have a side  $OP$  common, and therefore  $PN = PM$  (Th. 15). Therefore every point in both bisectors is equidistant from the given lines.

#### EXERCISES.

Find the following loci:—

- (1) Of a point at a given distance from a given point.
- (2) Of a point at a given distance from a given line.
- (3) Of a point at a given distance from a given circle.
- (4) A horse is tethered by a chain fastened to a ring which slides on a rod bent into the form of a rectangle. Find the outline of the area over which he can graze.
- (5) Find the locus of a point equidistant from two given points.

(6) Find the locus of points at which two equal lengths, adjacent or not adjacent, of a straight line subtend equal angles.

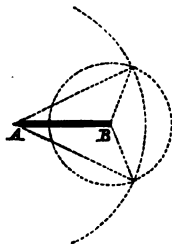
(7) Find part of the locus of points at which two adjacent sides of a square subtend equal angles.

### INTERSECTION OF LOCI.

When a point has to be found which satisfies *two* conditions, the problem is generally determinate if it is possible: and the method of loci is very frequently employed in discovering the point. For if the locus of points which satisfy each condition separately is constructed, it is obvious that the points which satisfy both conditions must be the points common to both loci, that is, must be the point or points where the loci intersect.

For example; a triangle is to be constructed on a given base with its sides of given lengths. Let  $AB$  be the base.

The two conditions are that the lengths of the two sides are given; the point sought for is the vertex: now the vertex must be at a certain distance from  $A$  = one of the given lengths; its locus is therefore a certain circle round  $A$  as centre. Similarly it must be at a certain distance from  $B$ ; its locus is therefore another circle round  $B$  as centre. The points of intersection of these circles are therefore the vertices of the two equal triangles which fulfil the given conditions.



It was this reasoning that suggested the construction in Problem 5.



Occasionally it will be found that with certain data in the following exercises the loci do not intersect, or the solution becomes impossible. As in the case given, it will not be difficult to see that the circles would not intersect unless any two of the sides were greater than the third side.

### EXERCISES ON INTERSECTION OF LOCI.

1. Find a point in a given straight line at equal distances from two given points. Construct the figures for all cases.
2. Find a point in a given straight line at a given distance from a given straight line.
3. Find a point in a given straight line at equal distances from two other straight lines.
4. On a given straight line to describe an equilateral triangle.
5. Describe an isosceles triangle on a given base, each of whose sides shall be double of the base.
6. Find a point at a given distance from a given point, and at the same distance from a given straight line.
7. Given base, sum of sides, and one of the angles at the base, construct the triangle.
8. Given base, difference of sides, and one of the angles at the base, construct the triangle.
9. Find a point at a given distance from the circumference of two given circles, the distances being measured along their radii or their radii produced.

## ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS.

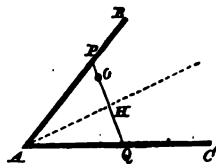
If problems cannot be solved by this method, it remains to attack them by the method, as it is called, of Analysis and Synthesis. This is not so much a method as a way of searching for a suggestion, and nothing but experience and ingenuity will here avail the student. The solution is supposed to be effected, and relations among the parts of the figure are then traced until some relation is discovered which can give a clue to the construction. Nothing but seeing examples can make this clear.

(1) *It is required to draw a line to pass through a given point and make equal angles with two given intersecting lines.*

Let  $O$  be the given point,  $AB$ ,  $AC$  the given lines.

We reason as follows (*analysis*): suppose  $POQ$  were the line required, then the angle at  $P$  = angle at  $Q$ .

Therefore  $AP = AQ$ ; therefore if we bisected the angle  $A$ ,  $POQ$  would be at right angles to the bisector.

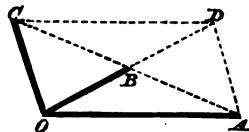


Now this is a suggestion we can work backwards from, and the construction is

*Synthesis.* Bisect the angle  $BAC$ , and let fall  $OH$  a perpendicular to the bisector, and let it meet the lines in  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $POQ$  can then be proved to be the line required.

(2) *It is required to draw from a given point three straight lines of given lengths, so that their extremities may be in the same straight line, and intercept equal distances on that line.*

*Analysis.* Suppose  $OA$ ,  $OB$ ,  $OC$  were the three lines, so that  $CBA$  is a straight line, and  $CB = BA$ .



Then it occurs to us that if  $OB$  were prolonged to  $D$ , making  $BD = OB$ , then  $CD$  and  $DA$  would be respectively parallel and equal to  $OA$  and  $OC$  (see § 4, Ex. 5); and that the sides of the triangle  $DOA$  are respectively equal to  $OA$ ,  $OC$  and  $2OB$ . Hence the construction is suggested.

*Synthesis.* Make a triangle  $DOA$  whose sides are  $OA$ ,  $OC$ , and  $2OB$ ; complete the figure, by drawing  $DC$ ,  $OC$ , parallel to  $OA$ ,  $AD$ ; and the other diagonal  $ABC$  will be the line required. For it may be shewn that  $AB = BC$ .

The student must not be surprised if he finds problems of this class difficult. For there is nothing to point out which of the many relations of the parts of the figure are to be followed up in order to arrive at the particular relation which suggests the construction. It is not easy to see what is to suggest the producing of  $OB$  to  $D$  as in the figure.

Subjoined are a few problems of no great difficulty, which may be solved by this method.

## PROBLEMS.

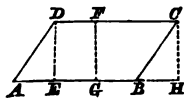
1. On a given straight line to describe a square.
2. Describe a rectangle with given sides.
3. Given two sides of a parallelogram and the included angle, construct the parallelogram.
4. Given the lengths of the two diagonals of a rhombus, construct it.
5. From a given point without a given straight line to draw a line making an angle with the line equal to a given angle.
6. Describe a square on a given straight line as diagonal.
7. Draw through a given point between two straight lines not parallel, a straight line which shall be bisected in that point.
8. Place a line of given length between two intersecting lines so as to be parallel to another given line.
9. Trisect a right angle.
10. Divide half a right angle into six equal parts.
11. Three straight lines meet in a point, draw a straight line such that the parts of it intercepted by the three lines shall be equal to one another.
12. Trisect a given straight line.

## SECTION VI. THE EQUIVALENCE OF FIGURES.

By *equivalent figures* are meant figures whose areas are equal although the figures may be of different shapes, and therefore not conceivable as superposed on one another. Thus a circular field may be as large as a square one, or a triangular piece of paper as large as a rectangular piece, and in such cases these figures would be called *equivalent*. The consideration of equivalent figures is an important part of Geometry.

*Def. 36.* The *altitude* of a parallelogram is the perpendicular distance between one side which is called the base and the side parallel to it.

Thus in the figure at the side the perpendiculars  $DE$ ,  $FG$ , or  $CH$ , which are equal (by Theorem 21) since  $DEGF$ ,  $DEHC$  are parallelograms, are each of them the altitude of the parallelogram  $ABCD$ ,  $AB$  being the base.

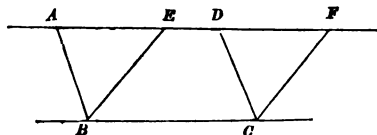


Any side of a triangle being taken as base, the altitude of the triangle is the perpendicular let fall on that side, or that side produced, from the opposite angle.

## THEOREM 22.

*Parallelograms on the same base and between the same parallels will be equivalent.*

Let  $ABCD$ ,  $EBCF$  be parallelograms on the same base  $BC$ , and between the same parallels  $AF$ ,  $BC$ . They shall be equivalent.



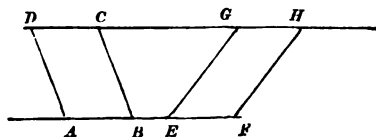
*Proof.* For in the triangles  $BAE$ ,  $CDF$  the angle  $A$  = the angle  $D$ , and the angle  $E$  = the angle  $F$ , by parallelism (Th. 4), and the side  $AB$  = the corresponding side  $DC$ , and therefore the triangles are equal in area, by Theorem 15.

But if the triangle  $CDF$  is taken away from the trapezium  $ABCF$ , the parallelogram  $ABCD$  remains: and if the triangle  $BAE$  is taken away from the same trapezium the parallelogram  $EBCF$  remains. Therefore these parallelograms are equivalent.

*Remark.* This theorem is the fundamental theorem of equivalence of areas.

**COR. 1.** *A parallelogram is therefore equivalent to the rectangle on the same base with the same altitude, and its area is therefore determinate when its base and altitude are known.*

**COR. 2.** *Parallelograms on equal bases and between the same parallels are equivalent.*



*Proof.* For if the base  $AB$  = the base  $EF$ , the parallelogram  $AEFG$  can be conceived as superposed on the parallelogram  $ABCD$ ,  $EF$  coinciding with  $AB$ , so that they should have the same base, and be between the same parallels, and therefore they are equivalent.

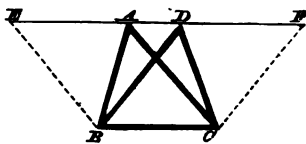
**COR. 3.** *Parallelograms on equal bases and of the same altitude are equivalent.*

For similarly they may be conceived as placed on one another so as to have the same base, since the bases are equal, and so as to be between the same parallels, since the altitudes are equal; and therefore they are equivalent.

### THEOREM 23.

*Triangles on the same base and between the same parallels will be equivalent.*

Let  $ABC$ ,  $DBC$  be triangles on the same base  $BC$  and between the same parallels, they shall be equivalent.



*Proof.* For if  $BE$  be drawn from  $B$  parallel to  $AC$ , and  $CF$  be drawn from  $C$  parallel to  $BD$ , to meet  $AD$  produced in  $E$  and  $F$ ,

Then  $ACBE$ ,  $DBCF$  are parallelograms, and are equivalent to one another (by Theorem 22).

But the triangles  $ABC$ ,  $DBC$  are respectively the halves of the parallelograms  $ACBE$ ,  $DBCF$  (Th. 21).

Therefore the triangles are equivalent.

**COR. 1.** *Triangles on equal bases and between the same parallels are equivalent.*

COR. 2. *Triangles on equal bases and of the same altitude are equivalent. Hence a triangle is of determinate area when its base and altitude are given.*

COR. 3. *If a parallelogram and a triangle have equal bases and altitudes, the parallelogram is double of the triangle.*

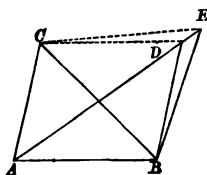
*Proof.* For the parallelogram  $ACBE$  is double of the triangle  $ABC$ , and therefore of any other triangle  $DBC$  which is on the same base, and between the same parallels.

THEOREM 24. *Conversely.*

*Equivalent triangles on equal bases will be of equal altitude.*

For let the triangles  $ABC, ABD$  be equivalent triangles on equal bases, and let them be conceived as placed on the same base  $AB$ , and on the same side of it.

Then shall their altitudes be equal, that is,  $CD$  will be parallel to  $AB$ .



*Proof.* For if  $CD$  were not parallel to  $AB$ , suppose that some other line through  $C$ , as  $CE$ , meeting  $AD$  in  $E$ , were parallel to  $AB$ . Then the triangles  $CAB, EAB$  would be equivalent by Theorem 23.

But we know that  $CAB, DAB$  are equivalent, therefore  $EAB$  and  $DAB$  would be equivalent, which is absurd.

COR. *Hence equivalent triangles on the same base, and on the same side of it, must be between the same parallels.*

Def. 37. A rectangle is determined when two of its adjacent sides are known. It is then said to be *contained by* its two adjacent sides, or by lines equal to them,



*Def. 38.* A line  $AB$  is said to be *internally* divided in  $P$  when  $P$  lies between  $A$  and  $B$ ; and it is said to be *externally* divided in  $P$  when  $P$  lies in  $AB$  produced; and  $AP$ ,  $BP$  are called in both cases the *segments* of  $AB$ .

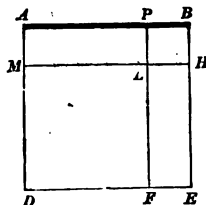
## THEOREM 25.

*If a straight line is divided internally in any point, the square on the line will be equal to the squares on the two segments together with twice the rectangle contained by the segments.*

Let  $AB$  be divided internally in  $P$ .

Then will the square on  $AB$  be equal to the squares on  $AP$ ,  $PB$  together with twice the rectangle contained by  $AP$ ,  $PB$ .

*Proof.* Describe a square  $ADEB$  on  $AB$ .



Through  $P$  draw  $PLF$  parallel to  $AD$ , meeting  $DE$  in  $F$ ; cut off  $PL = PB$ . Through  $L$  draw  $HLM$  parallel to  $AB$ , to meet  $DA$  and  $EB$  in  $M$ ,  $H$ .

Then it may be seen that the figures  $AL$ ,  $PH$ ,  $LE$ ,  $MF$  are parallelograms by construction; and it is easily shewn that  $PH$ ,  $MF$  are the squares on  $PB$ ,  $AP$  respectively; and that  $AL$ ,  $LE$  are each of them the rectangle contained by  $AP$ ,  $PB$ .

Hence, since  $ADEB$  is made up of these four figures, it follows that the square on  $AB$  is equal to the squares on  $AP$ ,  $PB$  and twice the rectangle contained by  $AP$ ,  $PB$ .

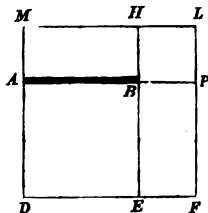
## THEOREM 26.

*If a straight line be divided externally in any point, the square on the line is equal to the squares on the two segments diminished by twice the rectangle contained by the segments.*

Let  $AB$  be divided externally in  $P$ .

*Proof.* Describe a square  $ADEB$  on  $AB$ .

Through  $P$  draw  $LPF$  parallel to  $AD$ , meeting  $DE$  produced in  $F$ ; cut off  $PL = PB$ . Through  $L$  draw  $MHL$  parallel to  $AB$ , to meet  $DA$ , and  $EB$  produced in  $M$ ,  $H$ .



Then as before it is evident that  $MF$  is the square on  $AP$ ; and  $MP$  or  $HF$ , the rectangle contained by  $AP$  and  $BP$ ; and  $HP$  the square on  $BP$ .

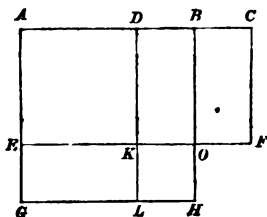
And  $AE$  is less than  $MF + HP$  by  $MP + HF$ ; that is, the square on  $AB$  is equal to the squares of  $AP$ ,  $PB$  diminished by twice the rectangle contained by  $AP$ ,  $PB$ .

#### THEOREM 27.

*The rectangle contained by the sum and difference of any two lines is equivalent to the difference of the squares on those lines.*

Let  $AB$ ,  $BC$  be the two lines, then  $AC$  is the sum of the lines, and if  $BD$  be taken equal to  $BC$ ,  $AD$  is their difference.

*Proof.* Draw  $AE = AB'$  at right angles to  $AC$ , and complete the parallelogram  $AEFC$ , which is therefore the rectangle contained by  $AC$ ,  $AD$ , that is, by the sum and difference of  $AB$ ,  $BC$ .



On  $AB$  describe the square  $AGHB$ ; through  $D$  draw  $DKL$  parallel to  $AG$ : then  $KH$  is the square on  $BC$ .

Then it may be seen that  $EL$ ,  $DO$ ,  $BF$  are equal figures; but the difference of the squares on  $AB$ ,  $BC$  is the figure made up of  $AO$  and  $EL$ , that is, it is equivalent to the figure made up of  $AO$  and  $BF$ , that is, to  $AF$ , which is the rectangle contained by the sum and difference of  $AB$ ,  $BC$ .

*COR.* If a straight line is bisected and divided in any point, the rectangle contained by the segments is equal to the difference of the squares on half the line and the line between the points of section.



*Proof.* For let  $AB$  be bisected in  $C$ , and divided internally or externally in  $P$ .

Then  $AP$  is the sum of  $AC$  and  $CP$ , and  $PB$  is their difference, since  $BC = AC$ .

Therefore the rectangle contained by  $AP$ ,  $PB$  is equal to the difference of the squares of  $AC$ , and  $CP$ .

*Remark.* The student will begin here to suspect, what he will afterwards find to be true, that there is an intimate relation between geometry and algebra. Algebraical or analytical geometry as it is called, investigates this relation and applies it to the establishment of theorems in geometry, and will occupy him at a later stage of his mathematical studies. We shall at present use the expression  $AB^2$ , which is read ' $AB$  squared,' only as an *abbreviation* for "the square on  $AB$ ," and  $AB \times AC$  or  $AB.AC$ , as an abbreviation for "the rectangle contained by  $AB$  and  $AC$ ."

These three theorems may be used to demonstrate other properties of divided lines. For example,

## THEOREM 28.

*If a straight line be divided into two equal and also into two unequal segments, the squares of the two unequal segments are together double of the square of half the line bisected, and the square on the line between the points of section.*

Let  $AB$  be bisected in  $C$ , and divided internally or externally in  $D$ .



Then the squares on  $AD$ ,  $DB$  will be double of the squares on  $AC$ ,  $CD$ .

*Proof.* For  $AD^2 = AC^2 + CD^2 + 2AC \times CD$  by Th. 25 ;  
 and  $DB^2 = CB^2 + CD^2 - 2BC \times CD$  by Th. 26 ;  
 therefore, adding, and remembering that  $AC = BC$ , and that  
 therefore the rectangle  $AC \times CD =$  the rectangle  $BC \times CD$ ,  
 we get that  $AD^2 + DB^2 = 2AC^2 + 2CD^2$ .

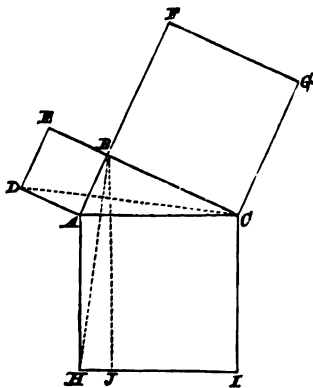
## THEOREM 29.

*In any right-angled triangle the square on the hypotenuse is equivalent to the sum of the squares on the sides which contain the right angle.*

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle right-angled at  $B$ . Then will  $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$ .

*Proof.* On  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$  describe the squares  $ADEB$ ,  $BFGC$ ,  $CIHA$  respectively. Join  $CD$ ,  $BH$ ; and draw  $BJ$  parallel to  $AH$ .

Since the angles  $ABC$ ,  $ABE$ ,  $CBF$  are right angles, it follows that  $CBE$ ,  $ABF$  are straight lines (Th. 1).



Therefore the triangle  $DAC$  is on the same base  $DA$ , and between the same parallels  $DA, EC$  with the square  $DABE$ .

Therefore the triangle  $DAC$  is half the square  $DABE$  (Th. 23, Cor. 3).

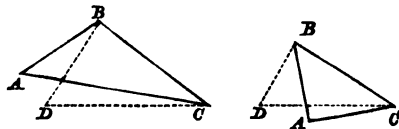
Similarly the triangle  $BAH$  is half the rectangle  $AJ$ .

But the triangles  $DAC, BAH$  are equal (Th. 16); for the sides  $DA, AC$  are respectively equal to  $BA, AH$ , and the contained angle  $DAC =$  the contained angle  $BAH$ , each of them being a right angle together with  $BAC$ .

Therefore the rectangle  $AJ =$  the square  $DABE$ .

Similarly it may be shewn that the rectangle  $CJ =$  the square  $BCGF$ , and therefore, since  $AJ$  and  $CJ$  make up the whole square  $AHIC$ , the square  $AHIC$  is equivalent to the sum of the squares  $ABDE$  and  $BCGF$ , that is,  $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$ .

COR. 1. *The square of a side subtending an obtuse or acute angle is not equal to the sum of the squares of the side containing that angle.*



For if  $BD$  is drawn at right angles to  $BC$  and equal to  $BA$ , and  $DC$  joined, then  $AC$  is greater or less than  $DC$ , according as the angle  $CBA$  is obtuse or acute by Th. 17. Therefore  $AC^2$  is greater or less than  $DC^2$ , that is, than  $DB^2 + BC^2$  or than  $AB^2 + BC^2$ .

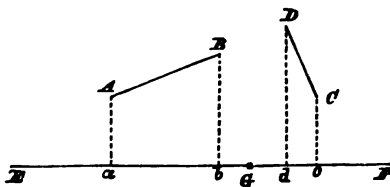
COR. 2. *Hence it follows that the converse theorem holds, viz. that if the square on one side of a triangle is equal to the squares on the other two sides, the triangle is right-angled.*

COR. 3. *It follows that in a triangle right-angled at B,*

$$AB^2 = AC^2 - BC^2 \text{ and } BC^2 = AC^2 - AB^2.$$

*Def. 39. The projection of one line on another line is the portion of the latter intercepted between perpendiculars let fall on it from the extremities of the former.*

Thus the projections of  $AB$ ,  $CD$  on  $EF$  are the lines  $ab$ ,  $cd$  respectively.



It is clear that the line  $EF$  must be supposed indefinitely long. There could be no projection of  $AB$  on the terminated line  $GF$ .

### THEOREM 30.

*In any triangle the square on a side opposite an acute angle is less than the squares on the sides containing that angle by twice the rectangle contained by either of those sides and the projection on it of the other.*

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle,  $B$  an acute angle,  $BD$  the projection of  $AB$  on  $BC$ , then will

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2CB \times BD.$$

*Proof.* For  $AC^2 = AD^2 + DC^2$  by

Theorem 29,

but  $AD^2 = AB^2 - BD^2$ , by the same Theorem,

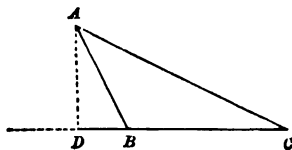
and  $DC^2 = BC^2 + BD^2 - 2CB \times BD$  (by Theorem 26).

Therefore  $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2CB \times BD$ .



## THEOREM 31.

*In an obtuse-angled triangle the square on the side subtending the obtuse angle is greater than the squares on the sides containing that angle by twice the rectangle contained by either of these sides and the projection on it of the other side.*



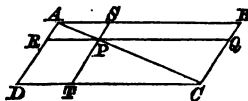
Let  $ABC$  be the triangle,  $ABC$  being the obtuse angle,  $BD$  the projection of  $AB$  on  $BC$ ,  $BC$  being produced backward.

Then will  $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + 2CB \cdot BD$ ,  
 for  $AC^2 = AD^2 + DC^2$ , by Theorem 29,  
 but  $AD^2 = AB^2 - BD^2$ ,  
 and  $DC^2 = CB^2 + BD^2 + 2CB \cdot BD$ , by Th. 25,  
 therefore  $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + 2CB \cdot BD$ .

## EXERCISES ON EQUIVALENT FIGURES.

EX. 1. *If through any point in the diagonal of a parallelogram lines be drawn parallel to the sides, the two parallelograms so formed through which the diagonal does not pass are equivalent to one another.*

Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram,  $P$  any point on the diagonal  $AC$ , and let  $RPQ$ ,  $SPT$  be drawn parallel to the sides.



Then will  $PB = PD$ .

*Proof.* For the triangle  $ABC =$  the triangle  $ADC$  (Th. 21) and the triangles  $ASP, PQC =$  the triangles  $ARP, PTC$ .

Therefore the remainders are equal, that is,  $PB = PD$ .

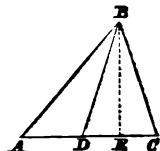
These parallelograms are called *complements*.

**Ex. 2.** In any triangle the sum of the squares on any two sides is double of the sum of the squares on half the base and on the line which joins the vertex to the middle point of the base.

Let  $AC$ , a side of the triangle  $ABC$ , be bisected in  $D$ ; then will

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = 2AD^2 + 2BD^2.$$

*Proof.* For let  $DE$  be the projection of  $BD$  on  $AC$ .



Then  $AB^2 = AD^2 + DB^2 + 2AD \cdot DE$  (by Theorem 31) and  $BC^2 = CD^2 + DB^2 - 2CD \cdot ED$  (by Theorem 30), therefore remembering that  $AD = DC$ , we obtain by addition that

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = 2AD^2 + 2DB^2.$$

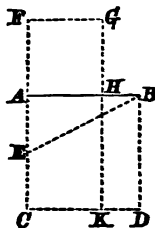
**Ex. 3.** To divide a straight line into two parts such that the rectangle contained by the whole line and one of the parts is equal to the square of the other part.

Let  $AB$  be the given line.

*Construction.* Draw a square  $ACDB$  on  $AB$ ; bisect  $AC$  in  $E$ . Join  $BE$ ; produce  $EA$  to  $F$ , making  $EF = EB$ ; on  $AF$  describe a square  $AFGH$ .

$AH$  and  $HB$  are the parts required, so that the rectangle  $AB \times BH = AH^2$ .

*Proof.* Produce  $GH$  to meet  $CD$  in  $K$ .





Then since  $CA$  is bisected in  $E$ , and divided externally in  $F$ ,

therefore  $CF \times FA = EF^2 - EA^2$  (Th. 27, Cor.);

but  $EF^2 = EB^2$ , and therefore  $EF^2 - EA^2 = AB^2$

(Th. 29, Cor. 3),

therefore  $CF \times FA = AB^2$ ;

that is, the figure  $FK$  = the figure  $AD$ , and therefore

$$FH = HD.$$

But  $HD$  is the rectangle  $AB \times BH$ ; and  $FH$  is the square on  $AH$ ;

therefore  $AB \times BH = AH^2$ .

#### EXERCISES.

1. If a straight line be divided into any two parts, the square on the whole line will be equal to the sum of the rectangles contained by the whole line and each of the parts.

2. Construct a square double of a given square.

3. Construct a square equal to two, or three, or any number of given squares.

4. Divide a straight line into two parts, such that the square of one of the parts may be half the square on the whole line.

5. Given the base, area, and one of the angles at the base, construct the triangle.

6. Find the locus of a point which moves so that the sum of the squares of its distance from two given points is constant (Cf. Ex. 2, p. 67).

#### *On the Quadrature of a Rectilineal Area.*

There is one more problem which from its historical interest, and from the valuable illustrations it affords of the

methods and limitations of Geometry, should find a place here. This problem is called *the quadrature of a rectilineal area*, which means the finding a square whose area is equivalent to that of any given figure which is bounded by straight lines. It gave a means of comparing any two dissimilarly shaped rectilineal figures, such as irregularly shaped fields whose boundaries were straight. In the present condition of mathematics it is not necessary, as the student will hereafter learn, but it will always be instructive.

The problem is approached by the following stages :

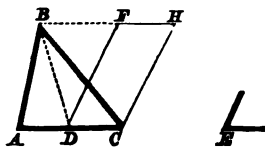
(1) To construct a parallelogram, with sides inclined at a given angle, equivalent to a given triangle.

(2) To construct *on a given straight line* a parallelogram, with sides inclined at a given angle, equivalent to a given triangle.

(3) To construct a parallelogram, with sides inclined at a given angle, equivalent to a *given rectilineal figure*.

(4) To construct a *square* equivalent to a given rectilineal figure.

(1) *To construct a parallelogram, with sides inclined at an angle =  $E$ , equal to the triangle  $ABC$ .*



*Construction.* Bisect  $AC$  in  $D$ , make the angle  $CDF = E$ , and through  $B$  draw  $BFH$  parallel to  $AC$ , and draw  $CH$  parallel to  $DF$ .

$FDCH$  will be the parallelogram required.

*Proof.* If  $BD$  be joined, it will be clear that the triangle  $BAC$  and the parallelogram  $FHCD$  are each of them double of the triangle  $BDC$  (Th. 23), and therefore the

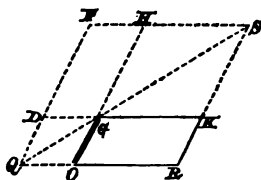
parallelogram  $FHCD$  = the triangle  $BAC$  and it has an angle =  $E$ , which was required.

It is now possible to proceed to the second stage of the problem, viz.

(2) *To construct on a given straight line, a parallelogram, having a given angle, equal to a given triangle.*

Let  $BAC$  be the given triangle,  $E$  the given angle as before, and let it be required to construct on the line  $GO$  a parallelogram equivalent to  $BAC$ , and having an angle  $E$ .

*Construction.* Construct the parallelogram  $FDGH$  as before, and place it so that one of its sides  $GH$  may be in the same straight line with  $GO$ .



Produce  $FD$ , and draw  $OQ$  parallel to  $GD$  to meet  $FD$  in  $Q$ .

Join  $QG$ , and produce it to meet  $FH$  produced in  $S$ .

Draw  $SKR$  parallel to  $FQ$ , meeting  $DG$  produced in  $K$ , and  $QO$  produced in  $R$ .

Then  $GORK$  is the parallelogram required.

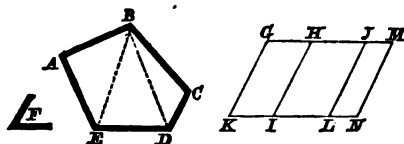
*Proof.* For the parallelogram  $FG$  = the parallelogram  $GR$ , being complements; and  $FG$  = the given triangle  $ABC$ .

Therefore  $GR$  = the triangle  $ABC$ , and it has an angle =  $E$ , since it is equiangular with the parallelogram  $FDGH$ .

The third stage of the problem consists in a repeated application of these two constructions.

(3) *To construct a parallelogram, having a given angle, equivalent to a given rectilineal figure.*

Let  $ABCDE$  be the given rectilineal figure;  $F$ , the given angle. Divide  $ABCDE$  into triangles by joining  $BE$ ,  $BD$ .



*Construction.* Construct as before a parallelogram  $GHIL = BAE$ , and having an angle at  $K = F$ .

Construct on  $HI$  a parallelogram,  $HJLI = BED$ , and having the angle  $HIL = K$ .

And construct on  $JL$  a parallelogram  $JMNL = BCD$  and having the angle  $JLN = F$ .

$GKNM$  will then be the parallelogram required.

*Proof.* For since the angle  $HIL =$  the angle  $K$ , it is therefore supplementary to  $HIK$ ; and therefore (by Theorem 1)  $KIL$  is a straight line.

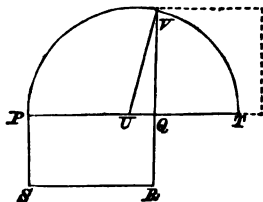
Similarly  $GM$  and  $KN$  are straight lines; and  $MN$  is obviously parallel to  $GK$ .

Therefore  $GKNM$  is a parallelogram, having the given angle, and it is by construction equivalent to the given rectilineal figure.

Now we are able to solve the original problem.

(4) *Let it be required to construct a square =  $ABCDE$ .*

*Construction.* By the previous construction make a rectangle equal to  $ABCDE$ , and let  $PQRS$  be the rectangle so made.



Then if  $PQ = QR$  the rectangle is a square; but if not, produce  $PQ$  to  $T$ , making  $QT = QR$ ; on  $PQT$  as

diameter describe a semicircle,  $U$  being the centre, and produce  $RQ$  to meet the circumference in  $V$ .

If a square be described on  $QV$ , this square will be equal to  $ABCDE$ .

*Proof.* For since  $PQ$  is the sum of  $PU$  and  $UQ$ , and  $QT$  is the difference of  $PU$  (or  $UT$ ) and  $UQ$ , it follows (from Theorem 27) that the rectangle  $PQ \times QT = PU^2 - UQ^2$ ; but  $PU^2 = UV^2$ , and therefore  $PU^2 - UQ^2 = UV^2 - UQ^2$ , that is,  $VQ^2$ , by Theorem 30.

But the rectangle  $PQ \times QT$  is the rectangle  $PQRS$ , which was made equal to  $ABCDE$ .

Therefore  $VQ^2 = ABCDE$ , and the square described on  $VQ$  is the square required.

*Remark.* If the given figure is not rectilinear, it cannot be divided into triangles: hence by this method it is impossible to construct a square equal to a given curvilinear area. Nor can any method depending on the use of the ruler and compasses only, (see p. 38,) construct a square equal to some curvilinear areas, such as the circle. This is the problem of squaring the circle, the solution of which cannot be effected without the use of other instruments.

We subjoin a few problems and theorems as miscellaneous exercises in the Geometry of angles, lines, triangles, parallelograms, and the equivalence of figures.

MISCELLANEOUS THEOREMS AND PROBLEMS.

1. Prove that the acute angle between the bisectors of the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle is equal to one of the angles at the base of the triangle.

2. Find a point equally distant from three given straight lines.

3. Find the locus of the middle point of a line drawn from a given point to meet a given line.

4. If the diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect one another and are equal to one another, the figure will be a rectangle.

5. If the diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect one another at right angles and are also equal, the figure will be a square.

6. If  $ABC$  is a triangle,  $AB$  being greater than  $AC$ , and a point  $D$  in  $AB$  be taken such that  $AD = AC$ ; prove that  $BCD$  is equal to half the difference of the angles  $ABC, ACB$ .

7. If the opposite angles of a quadrilateral are equal, the figure is a parallelogram.

8. If  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram, and  $AE = CF$  are cut off from the diagonal  $AC$ , then  $BEDF$  will be a parallelogram.

9. If  $AA' = CC'$  be cut off from the diagonal  $AC$ , and  $BB' = DD'$  from the diagonal  $BD$  of a parallelogram, then will  $A'B'C'D'$  be also a parallelogram.

10. If  $AA' = BB' = CC' = DD'$  be cut off from the sides of the parallelogram  $ABCD$  taken in order, then will  $A'B'C'D'$  be also a parallelogram.

11.  $ABC$  is a triangle, and through  $D$ , the middle point of  $AB$ ,  $DE$ ,  $DF$  are drawn parallel to the sides  $BC$ ,  $AC$  to meet them in  $EF$ . Shew that  $EF$  is parallel to  $AB$ .

12. Through a given point to draw a line such that the part of it intercepted between two parallel lines shall have a given length.

13. To describe a rhombus equal to a given parallelogram, having its side equal to the longer side of the parallelogram.

14. Shew that the diagonal of a rectangle is longer than any other line whose extremities are on the sides of the rectangle.

15. From the extremities of the base of an isosceles triangle straight lines are drawn perpendicular to the opposite sides; the angles made by them with the base are equal to half the vertical angle.

16. If one angle of a triangle is equal to the sum of the other two, the greatest side is double of the distance of its middle point from the opposite angle.

17. Find the locus of a point, given the sum or difference of its distances from two fixed lines.

18.  $ABC$  is a triangle,  $AB$  greater than  $BC$ ;  $BD$  bisects the base  $AC$ , and  $BE$  the angle  $ABC$ . Prove (1) that  $ADB$  is an obtuse angle; (2) that  $ABD$  is less than  $DBC$ ; and (3) that  $BE$  is less than  $BD$ .

19. If two sides of a triangle be given, its area will be greatest when they contain a right angle.

20.  $BCD...$  are points on the circumference of a circle,  $A$  any point not the centre of the circle. Shew that of the lines  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AD...$  not more than two can be equal.

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21. Of all triangles having the same base and area, that which is isosceles has the least perimeter.

22. Of all triangles having the same vertical angle, and whose bases pass through a given point, the least is that whose base is bisected in that point.

23. The diagonals of a parallelogram divide it into four equivalent triangles.

24. If from any point in the diagonal of a parallelogram straight lines be drawn to the angles, then the parallelogram will be divided into two pairs of equivalent triangles.

25.  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram, and  $E$  any point in the diagonal  $AC$  produced. Shew that the triangles  $EBC$ ,  $EDC$  will be equivalent.

26.  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram, and  $O$  any point within it, shew that the triangles  $OAB$ ,  $OCD$  are together equivalent to half the parallelogram.

27. On the same supposition if lines are drawn through  $O$  parallel to the sides of the parallelogram, then the difference of the parallelograms  $DO$ ,  $BO$  is double of the triangle  $OAC$ .

28. The diagonals of a parallelogram intersect in  $O$ , and  $P$  is a point within the triangle  $OAB$ . Prove that the difference of the triangles  $APB$ ,  $CPD$ , is equivalent to the sum of the triangles  $APC$ ,  $BPD$ .

29. If the points of bisection of the sides of a triangle be joined, the triangle so formed shall be one-fourth of the given triangle.

30. Shew that the sum of the squares on the lines



joining the angular points of a square to any point within it is double of the sum of the squares on the perpendiculars from that point on the sides.

31. If the sides of a quadrilateral figure be bisected, and the points of bisection joined, prove that the figure so formed will be a parallelogram equal in area to half the given quadrilateral.

32. Any line drawn through the intersection of the diagonals of a parallelogram to meet the sides bisects the figure.

33.  $D$  is the middle point of the side  $AC$  of a triangle  $ACB$ , and any parallel lines  $BE$ ,  $DF$  are drawn to meet  $AC$ ,  $AB$  (or  $BC$ ) in  $E$  and  $F$ , shew that  $EF$  divides the triangle into two equal areas.

34. If the sides of a triangle are 3, 4, 5 inches respectively, the triangle is right-angled.

35. The area of a rhombus is equal to half the rectangle constructed on the two diameters of the rhombus.

36. If two opposite sides of a quadrilateral are parallel, and their points of bisection joined, the quadrilateral will be bisected.

37. If two opposite sides of a parallelogram be bisected, and lines be drawn from these two points of bisection to the opposite angles, these lines will be parallel, and will trisect the diagonal.

38. The sum of the squares described on the sides of a rhombus is equal to the squares described on its diameters.

39. From the sides of the triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$ , are cut off each equal to two-thirds of the side from which it is cut. Shew that the triangle  $A'B'C'$  is one-third of the triangle  $ABC$ .

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40. Find the locus of the vertices of triangles of equal area upon the same base.

41. Find the locus of a point, such that the sum of the squares on its distances from two given points is equal to the square on the distance between the two points.

42. If  $m$  and  $n$  are any numbers, and lines be taken whose lengths are  $m^2 + n^2$ ,  $m^2 - n^2$  and  $2mn$  units respectively, shew that these lines will form a right-angled triangle. Give examples of these triangles.

43. Through two given points on opposite sides of a straight line draw two straight lines to meet in that line, so that the angle which they form shall be bisected by that line.

44. Through a given point draw a line such that the perpendiculars on it from two given points may be equal.

45. Find points  $D$ ,  $E$  in the equal sides  $AB$ ,  $AC$  of an isosceles triangle  $ABC$ , such that  $BD = DE = EC$ .

46. Given two points and a straight line of indefinite length, construct an equilateral triangle so that two of its sides shall pass through the given points, and the third shall be in the given straight line.

47. Construct an isosceles triangle having the angle at the vertex double of the angles at the base.

48. Bisect a triangle by a line passing through one of its angular points.

49. Bisect a triangle by a line passing through a point in one of its sides.

50. Bisect a parallelogram by a line passing through any given point.

51. Construct a triangle equal to a given quadrilateral figure.

52. Bisect a given quadrilateral figure by a line drawn from one of its angular points.

53. Bisect a given five-sided figure by a line drawn from one of its angular points.

54. Produce a given straight line to such a distance that the square on the produced part may be double of the square on the given line.

55. Produce a given straight line to such a distance that the square on the whole line may be double of the square on the given line.

56. Given two sides and a median, construct the triangle.

57. Divide a straight line into two parts such that the square on one part may be four times the square on the other.

58. From  $B$ , one of the angles of a triangle  $ABC$ , a perpendicular  $BD$  is let fall on  $AC$ . Shew that the difference of the squares on  $AB$ ,  $BC$  is equal to the difference of the squares on  $AD$ ,  $DC$ .

59.  $AC$  one of the sides of a triangle  $ABC$  is bisected in  $D$ : and  $BD$  joined. Shew that the squares on  $AB$  and  $BC$  together are equal to twice the square on  $BD$ , and twice the square on  $AD$ .

60. Produce a given line  $AB$  to  $P$  so that  $AP \cdot BP = AB^2$ .

61.  $ABCD$  is the diameter of two concentric circles,  $P$ ,  $Q$  any points on the outer and inner circles respectively. Prove that  $BP^2 + CP^2 = AQ^2 + DQ^2$ .

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62. Prove that the squares on the diagonals of a rectangle are together equal to the squares on its sides.

63. Prove that the squares on the diagonals of any parallelogram are together equal to the squares on its sides.

64.  $O$  is the point of intersection of the diagonals of a square  $ABCD$ , and  $P$  any other point whatever. Prove that  $AP^2 + BP^2 + CP^2 + DP^2 = 4OA^2 + 4OP^2$ .

65. Given the base, difference of sides, and difference of angles at the base, construct the triangle.

66. If from one of the acute angles of a right-angled triangle a line be drawn to the opposite side, the squares on that side and the line so drawn are together equal to the squares on the segment adjacent to the right angle and on the hypotenuse.

67. If from the right angle  $C$  of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  straight lines be drawn to the opposite angles of the square on  $AB$ , the difference of the squares on these two lines will equal the difference of the squares on  $AC$  and  $BC$ .

68.  $AB$  is divided into two unequal parts in  $C$  and equal parts in  $D$ ; shew that the squares on  $AC$  and  $BC$  are greater than twice the rectangle  $AC \times CB$  by four times the square on  $CD$ .

69. In any right-angled triangle the square on one of the sides containing the right angle is equal to the rectangle contained by the sum and difference of the other two sides.

70. In any isosceles triangle  $ABC$ , if  $AD$  is drawn from  $A$  the vertex to any point  $D$  in the base, shew that  $AB^2 = AD^2 + BD \cdot DC$ .

71. Prove that four times the sum of the squares on the medians of a triangle is equal to three times the sum of the squares on the sides of the triangle.

72. The square of the base of an isosceles triangle is double the rectangle contained by either side, and the projection on it of the base.

73. The squares on the diagonals of a quadrilateral are double of the squares on the sides of the parallelogram formed by joining the middle points of its sides.

74. Hence shew that they are also double of the squares on the lines which join the points of bisection of the opposite sides of the quadrilateral.

75. The squares on the diagonals of a quadrilateral are together less than the squares on the four sides by four times the square on the line joining the points of bisection of the diagonals.

76. In any quadrilateral figure the lines which join the middle points of opposite sides intersect in the line which joins the middle point of the diagonals.

77. The locus of a point which moves so that the sum of the squares of its distances from three given points is constant is a circle.

## BOOK II. THE CIRCLE.

### INTRODUCTION.

*Def. 1.* If a point moves in a plane so that its distance from a fixed point is constant, it traces out a line which is called *the circumference of a circle*.

*Def. 2.* The fixed point is called *the centre* of the circle.

*Def. 3.* The distance of any point on the circumference from the centre is called *the radius*.

*Def. 4.* A line through the centre, terminated both ways by the circumference, is called *a diameter* of a circle.

*Def. 5.* Any portion of a circumference is called *an arc*.

*Def. 6.* The figure enclosed by an arc and the radii to its extremities is called *a sector*.

*Def. 7.* The line joining the extremities of an arc is called *a chord* of that arc.

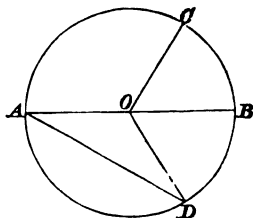
*Def. 8.* The parts into which a chord divides a circle are called *segments*.

Several properties of a circle follow at once from the definitions.

1. *All radii of a circle are equal.*

2. *All diameters of a circle are equal.*

3. *A circle cannot cut a straight line in more points than two: for from the centre of the circle not more than two equal straight lines can be drawn to meet the given straight line.*



4. *If a circle were to rotate round its centre its circumference would always occupy the same position.*

5. *Any arc is superposable on an equal arc of the same circle.*

6. *Circles are equal whose radii are equal.*

7. *A point is outside, on, or inside the circumference according as its distance from the centre is greater than, equal to, or less than the radius.*

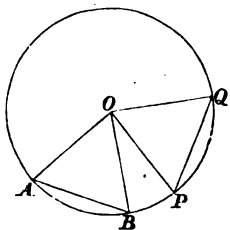
# SECTION I.

## PROPERTIES OF CENTRE.

### THEOREM I. ROTATORY PROPERTIES OF THE CIRCLE.

*Equal arcs of a circle subtend equal angles at the centre, and have equal chords; and conversely, equal angles at the centre cut off equal arcs and have equal chords; and equal chords in a circle cut off equal arcs, and subtend equal angles at the centre.*

Let  $ABPQ$  be a circle, and let the arc  $AB$  be given equal to arc  $PQ$ , then will the angle  $AOB$  at the centre = the angle  $POQ$ , and the chord  $AB$  = the chord  $PQ$ .



For if the sector  $AOB$  were to rotate round  $O$  till  $A$  fell on  $P$ ,  $B$  would fall on  $Q$ , (since arc  $AB$  = arc  $PQ$ ), and the angle  $AOB$  would coincide with  $POQ$ , and therefore is equal to it; and for the same reason the chord  $AB$  = the chord  $PQ$ .

In the same manner it may be shewn that if the angle  $AOB$  is given equal to  $POQ$ , then the arcs and chords would coincide and are therefore equal.

And if the chord  $AB$  is given equal to the chord  $PQ$ , then the triangles  $AOB$ ,  $POQ$  have the three sides of the one equal to the three sides of the other; and therefore the



angle  $AOB$  = the angle  $POQ$ ; and therefore also the arc  $AB$  = the arc  $PQ$ .

COR. 1. *If the arcs or angles of sectors of a circle are equal, the sectors are equal.*

COR. 2. *In equal circles equal arcs subtend equal angles at the centre and cut off equal chords.*

COR. 3. *The diameter divides the circle into two equal parts, which are therefore called semicircles.*

#### REMARK ON THEOREM I.

The student has now had several examples of theorems, and their *converse* and *opposite* theorems, and it will be well for him to observe *under what conditions a converse theorem is true*.

This may be generalized into the following statement. If  $A, B, C \dots$  as conditions involve  $D$  as a result, and the failure of  $C$  involves a failure of  $D$ ; then  $A, B, D \dots$  as conditions involve  $C$  as a result.

For example, in a circle, ( $A$ ), angles at the centre, ( $B$ ) which stand on equal arcs, ( $C$ ), are equal, ( $D$ ), and if the arcs are unequal, {the failure of  $C$ }, the angles are unequal, {the failure of  $D$ }.

Hence it follows logically that in a circle, ( $A$ ), angles at the centre, ( $B$ ), which are equal ( $D$ ), stand on equal arcs, ( $C$ ).

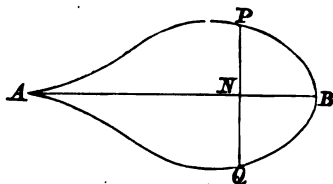
All converse theorems can be at once proved by the *reductio ad absurdum*, but we shall in general enunciate immediate converses, when they are true, without giving a detailed proof.

*Symmetry of a figure with respect to a line.*

*Def. 9.* A figure is said to be *symmetrical with respect to a line*, when every line at right angles to that line cuts the figure at points which are equidistant from that line.

Thus the figure  $APBQ$  is symmetrical with respect to  $AB$ , if every line  $PNQ$  at right angles to  $AB$  cuts it so that

$$PN = QN.$$



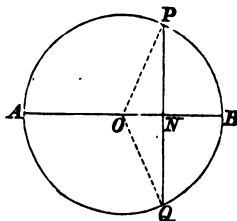
#### THEOREM 2.

SYMMETRY OF THE CIRCLE WITH RESPECT TO ITS DIAMETER.

*A circle is symmetrical with respect to any diameter.*

Let  $AB$  be any diameter,  $PNQ$  any line drawn perpendicular to  $AB$ , meeting the circle in  $P$  and  $Q$ . Then shall  $PN = NQ$ .

For  $OP$  and  $OQ$  are equal obliques drawn from  $O$  to  $PQ$ , and therefore they are equally distant from the perpendicular: and therefore  $PN = NQ$  (1. 12).

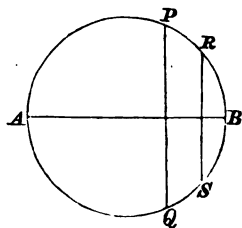


*COR. 1.* Hence the semicircle  $APB$  if folded over the line  $AB$ , would coincide with the semicircle  $AQB$ ,  $PN$  falling on  $NQ$ ; and therefore the arc  $AP$  = the arc  $AQ$ , and the arc  $PB$  = the arc  $BQ$ .

COR. 2. *Hence also parallel chords in a circle intercept equal arcs.*

If  $PQ$ ,  $RS$  are parallel chords, then will the arc  $PR$  = the arc  $QS$ .

For when one semicircle is folded on the other,  $P$  would coincide with  $Q$ , and  $R$  with  $S$ , and therefore the arc  $PR$  with the arc  $QS$ .



COR. 3. This fundamental property of a circle, viz. its symmetry with respect to a diameter, gives rise to many theorems. For it appears that the diameter  $AB$  in the figure of Cor. 2 fulfils six conditions: (1) It is perpendicular to the chord  $PQ$ ; (2) it passes through the centre; (3) it bisects the chord; (4) it bisects the arc  $QAP$ ; (5) it bisects the arc  $PBQ$ ; (6) it bisects any chord parallel to  $PQ$ . *And since only one line can be drawn to fulfil any two of the above conditions, it follows that a line which fulfils any two of them, fulfils the remaining four.*

For example: the original theorem, with its first corollary, is (α) *If a line fulfils (1) and (2), it also fulfils (3), (4) and (5).*

Hence (β) *If a line bisects a chord at right angles (1) and (3), it must pass through the centre (2).*

And, (γ) *A line that bisects any chord and its arc, (3) and (4), will pass through the centre (2).*

And, (δ) *The line drawn from the centre to bisect a chord (2 and 3) is perpendicular to that chord (1).*

By combining these data in different ways, many different theorems may be made.

### EXERCISES.

1. If a straight line cut two concentric circles, the parts of it intercepted between the two circumferences will be equal.

2. Of two angles at the centre, the greater angle is subtended by the greater arc; and also by the greater chord, if the sum of the two angles is less than four right angles. Prove this and its converse propositions.

3. Perpendiculars are let fall from the extremities of a diameter on any chord, or any chord produced; shew that the feet of the perpendiculars are equally distant from the centre.

4. The locus of the points of bisection of parallel chords of a circle is the diameter at right angles to those chords.

5. If a diameter of a circle bisects a chord which does not pass through the centre, it will bisect all chords which are parallel to it.

6.  $AB$  and  $CD$  are unequal parallel chords in a circle, prove that  $AC$  and  $BD$ , and likewise  $AD$  and  $BC$  intersect on the diameter perpendicular to  $AB$  and  $CD$ , or that diameter produced, and are equally inclined to that diameter.

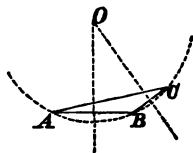
What will be the case if  $AB$  and  $CD$  are equal?

## THEOREM 3.

*One circle, and only one circle, can be drawn to pass through three given points which are not in the same straight line.*

Let  $A, B, C$  be the three given points. Join  $AB, BC$ .

Then since  $AB$  is to be a chord, the locus of the centre is the straight line that bisects  $AB$  at right angles (II. 2,  $\beta$ ).



Similarly, the line that bisects  $BC$  at right angles must pass through the centre. Hence the centre must be at  $O$ , the point of intersection of these perpendiculars; and the circle described with centre  $O$  and radius  $OA$  will pass through  $A, B$  and  $C$ .

And there can be only one centre, since the perpendiculars intersect in only one point.

The three points thus *determine* the circle.

**COR. 1.** *Circles that have three points in common, coincide wholly.*

Hence a circle is named by the letters which mark three points on its circumference.

**COR. 2.** *Different circles can intersect in two points only.*

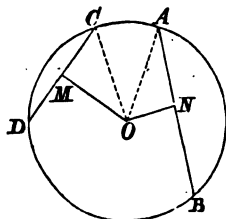
**Def. 10.** The circle is said to be *circumscribed* about the triangle  $ABC$ , and the triangle  $ABC$  is said to be *inscribed* in the circle, when the points  $A, B, C$  are on the circumference of the circle.

**Def. 11.** The *distance* of a chord from the centre is the perpendicular on the chord from the centre.

## THEOREM 4.

*Equal chords of a circle are equally distant from the centre, and conversely; and of two unequal chords the greater is nearer to the centre than the less, and conversely.*

Let  $AB$ ,  $CD$  be chords of a circle,  $OM$ ,  $ON$  the perpendiculars on them from the centre, bisecting the chords in  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Join  $OC$ ,  $OA$ .



Then since  $M$  and  $N$  are right angles, therefore

$$OM^2 + MC^2 = OC^2 \text{ (I. 29),}$$

$$\text{and} \quad ON^2 + NA^2 = OA^2,$$

$$\text{but} \quad OC = OA, \text{ and } OC^2 = OA^2;$$

$$\text{therefore} \quad OM^2 + MC^2 = ON^2 + NA^2.$$

Hence, (1) if  $AB = CD$  and  $AN = CM$ ,  
it follows that  $OM = ON$ .

(2) If  $AB > CD$ ,  $AN > CM$ ,  
and therefore  $OM$  is  $< ON$ .

(3) If  $ON = OM$ ,  
therefore  $AN = CM$  and  $AB = CD$ .

(4) If  $ON < OM$ ,  
 $AN > CM$  and  $AB > CD$ .

COR. 1. *The diameter is the greatest chord of a circle.*

COR. 2. *The locus of the middle points of equal chords in a circle is a concentric circle.*

## EXERCISES.

1. Given a triangle  $ABC$  to find the centre of the circumscribing circle.
2. A chord 8 inches long is drawn in a circle whose radius is 5 inches ; find the distance of the chord from the centre.
3. A chord is drawn at the distance of one foot from the centre of a circle whose diameter is 26 inches ; find the length of the chord.
4. Given a circle to find its centre.
5. If two equal chords intersect one another, the segments of the one are equal to the segments of the other respectively.
6. Two chords cannot bisect one another unless both pass through the centre.
7. Given a curve, to ascertain whether it is an arc of a circle or not.

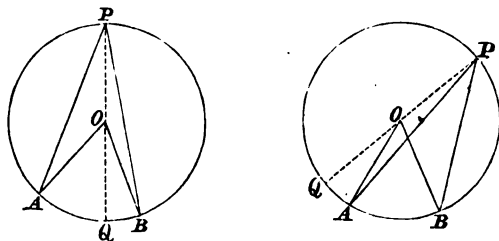
## SECTION II.

## ANGLES IN SEGMENTS OF THE CIRCLE.

## THEOREM 5.

*The angle subtended at any point in the circumference by any arc of a circle is half of the angle subtended by the same arc at the centre.*

Let  $AB$  be any arc,  $O$  the centre,  $P$  any point on the



circumference. Then will the angle  $AOB$  be double of the angle  $APB$ .

Join  $PO$ , and produce it to  $Q$ .

Then because, from the definition of a circle,  $OPA$  is an isosceles triangle, the angle  $OAP =$  the angle  $OPA$ : but the exterior angle  $AOQ$  is equal to the two interior and opposite angles  $OAP$  and  $OPA$  (I. 7); and therefore the angle  $AOQ$  is double of the angle  $OPA$ . Similarly the angle  $QOB$  is double of the angle  $OPB$ .

Hence (in fig. 1) the sum, or (in fig. 2) the difference of the angles  $AOQ$ ,  $QOB$  is double of the sum or dif-



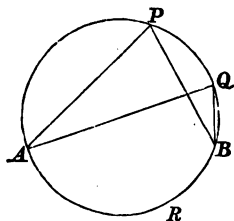
ference of  $OPA$  and  $OPB$ , that is, the angle  $AOB$  is double of the angle  $APB$ , or the angle  $APB$  is half of the angle  $AOB$ .

*Def. 12.* The angle  $APB$  is said to be the angle *in the segment*  $APB$ .

*COR. 1.* Angles in the same segment of a circle are equal to one another.

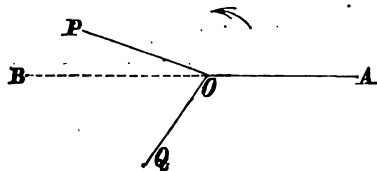
For each of the angles  $APB$ ,  $AQB$  is half of the angle subtended at the centre by the arc  $ARB$ .

The segment  $APQB$  is said to be *capable* of an angle equal to the angle  $APB$  or  $AQB$ .



*Remark.* It is important to remember here that angles may be greater than two right angles, and that the existence of such angles is contemplated in the foregoing theorem and corollary.

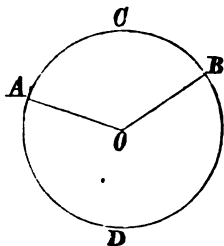
Thus, if a line be conceived to revolve round  $O$  starting from an initial position  $OA$ , and revolving in the



direction of the arrow, it describes an angle of constantly increasing magnitude; when it reaches the position  $OB$  it has described an angle equal to two right angles; and in the position  $OQ$  it has described an angle greater than

two right angles. There are thus two angles  $AOQ$ , one taken in the direction of the arrow greater than two right angles, and the other taken in the opposite direction less than two right angles.

Thus, in the figure, the angle  $BOA$  standing on the arc  $ACB$  is less than two right angles; and the angle  $AOB$  on the arc  $ADB$  is greater than two right angles.



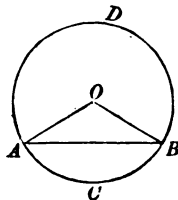
Hence it is clear that the angle at the centre standing on any arc is less than, equal to, or greater than two right angles according as the arc is less than, equal to, or greater than a semi-circumference.

**COR. 2.** *If a circle is divided into any two segments by a chord, the angles in the segments will be supplementary to one another.*

For of the two angles at  $O$ , the one is double of the angle in the segment  $ADB$ , and the other of the angle in the segment  $ACB$ .

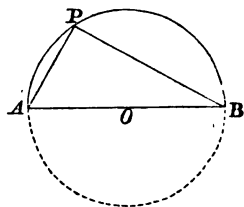
But the angles at  $O$  make up four right angles (I. 2), therefore the angles in the segments  $ACB$ ,  $ADB$  make up two right angles.

These segments are called *Supplementary Segments*.



**COR. 3.** *The angle in a semicircle is a right angle.*

For let  $APB$  be a semicircle: then the angle in the segment is half the angle at the centre: that is, the angle  $APB$  is half the angle  $AOB$ , which is two right angles; therefore the angle  $APB$  is a right angle.

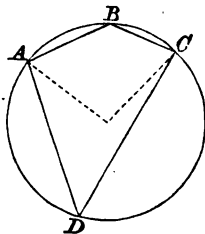


*Def. 13.* A polygon is said to be *inscribed in a circle*, when its angular points are on the circumference of the circle.

*COR. 4.* The opposite angles of every quadrilateral figure inscribed in a circle are together equal to two right angles.

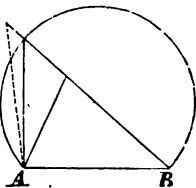
For the segments  $ABC$ ,  $ADC$  are supplementary segments, and so also are the segments  $BAD$ ,  $BCD$ .

Therefore by *Cor. 3* the angles  $ABC$ ,  $ADC$  are together equal to two right angles; and the angles  $BAD$ ,  $BCD$  are also together equal to two right angles.



*COR. 5.* The locus of a point at which a given straight line subtends a constant angle is an arc of a circle.

For if  $AB$  be the given straight line, and on it there is described a segment capable of the given angle, at every point in the arc the straight line subtends the given angle, and at every other point the angle is greater or less, according as it is within or without the segment.



The segment may be described on both sides of the line  $AB$ .

It will be seen that this is the converse and opposite of Cor. 1.

*COR. 6. In equal circles equal angles at the circumferences stand upon equal arcs, and conversely.*

This may be proved by superposition.

#### EXERCISES.

1. Prove that the lines which join the extremities of equal arcs in a circle are either equal or parallel.

2. If two opposite angles of a quadrilateral figure are together equal to two right angles, prove that a circle which passes through three of its angular points will also pass through the fourth.

3. If two opposite sides of a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle are equal, prove that the other two are parallel.

4.  $AB$ ,  $CD$  are chords of a circle which cut at a constant angle. Prove that the sum of the arcs  $AC$ ,  $BD$  remains constant, whatever may be the position of the chords.

5. If the diameter of a circle be one of the equal sides of an isosceles triangle, prove that its circumference will bisect the base of the triangle.

6. Circles are described on two sides of a triangle as diameters. Prove that they will intersect on the third side or third side produced.

7. Any number of chords of a circle are drawn through a point on its circumference: find the locus of their middle points.

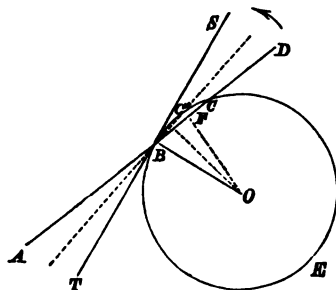
8. If through any point, within or without a circle, lines are drawn to cut the circle, prove that the locus of the middle points of the chords so formed is a circle.

## SECTION III.

## THE TANGENT AND NORMAL.

*Def. 14.* When a straight line cuts a circle it is called a *secant*.

Thus  $ABCD$  is a secant of the circle  $ACE$ .



*Def. 15.* When one of the points in which a secant cuts a circle is made to move up to, and ultimately coincide with the other, the ultimate position of the secant is called *the tangent* at that point.

Thus, if  $ABCD$  be conceived to revolve round  $B$ , in the direction of the arrow, the point  $C$  will move to  $C'$  and will ultimately coincide with  $B$ , and the line  $TBS$ , which is the position the secant then attains, is said to be a tangent to the circle at the point  $B$ .

The point  $B$  is then called *the point of contact*.

Several important properties follow at once from this definition of a tangent.

THEOREM 6.

*A tangent meets the circle in one point only, viz. the point of contact.*

For since a secant can cut a circle in two points only, it follows that the parts  $AB$ ,  $CD$  are wholly without the circle; and therefore when  $C$  moves up to  $B$ , and the chord  $BC$  is merged in the point  $B$ , the whole line, with exception of the point  $B$ , is outside the circle.

THEOREM 7.

*The radius to the point of contact is at right angles to the tangent.*

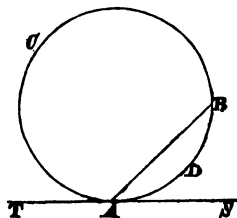
For if  $F$  be the middle point of the chord  $BC$ ,  $OF$  is perpendicular to  $BC$ ; and as  $C$  moves to  $B$ ,  $F$  will also move up to  $B$ , and when the secant becomes a tangent,  $OF$ , which is always at right angles to the secant, coincides with the radius  $OB$ .

Therefore  $OB$  is at right angles to the tangent  $TBS$ .

COR. 1. *Hence there can be only one tangent to a circle at a given point.*

COR. 2. *The line at right angles to the tangent through the point of contact passes through the centre.*

Def. 16. When a secant is drawn from the point of contact of a tangent it divides the circle into segments which are said to be *alternate* to the angles made by the tangent with the secant on its sides opposite to the segments.



Thus  $ACB$  is a segment alternate with  $BAS$ , and  $BDA$  with  $BAT$ .

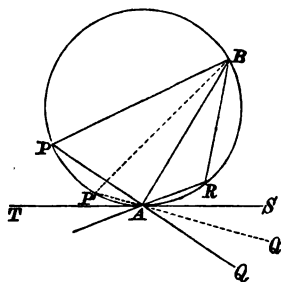
### THEOREM 8.

*If from the point of contact of a straight line and a circle a chord of the circle be drawn, the angles made by the chord with the tangent will be equal to the angles in the alternate segments of the circle.*

Let a chord  $AB$  be drawn from the point of contact  $A$  of the tangent  $TAS$ .

Then will the angles  $BAS$ ,  $BAT$  be equal to the angles in the alternate segments of the circle.

For take any point  $P$  in the arc of the segment alternate to  $BAS$ , and join  $PB$ ,  $PA$ , and produce  $PA$  to  $Q$ .



Conceive the point  $P$  to move along the arc towards  $A$ . Then the angle  $BPA$  in the segment remains always the same; and it will after a while assume the position of the dotted lines  $BP'A$ , and ultimately when  $P$  has moved up to  $A$ , the angle  $BPA$  will coincide with the angle  $BAS$ , since the limiting position of the secant  $PQ$  is the tangent  $AS$ , and  $BP$  then coincides with  $BA$ . Therefore the angle  $BAS =$  the angle  $BPA$  in the alternate segment.

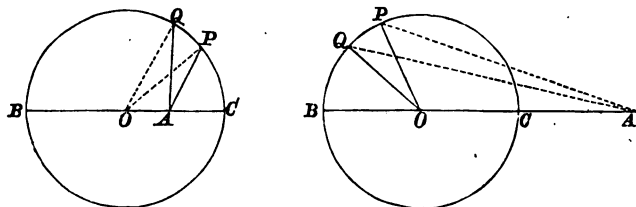
Similarly it may be shewn that the angle  $BAT =$  the angle  $BRA$ .

*Def. 17.* If from any point on a curve a line is drawn at right angles to the tangent at that point, it is called a *normal to the curve at that point*.

Since the radius is at right angles to the tangent to a circle, it follows that all radii are normals to a circle.

THEOREM 9.

*From any point within or without a circle except the centre, two and only two normals can be drawn, one of which is the shortest, and the other the longest line that can be drawn from that point to the circumference: and as a point moves along the circumference from the extremity of the shortest to the extremity of the longest normal, its distance from the fixed point continually increases.*



Let  $A$  be the fixed point,  $O$  the centre, and let  $AO$  produced through the centre meet the circumference in  $B$ , and produced if necessary in the other direction meet it in  $C$ .

Then  $AB$  and  $AC$  are normals and are the only normals, and are respectively the longest and shortest lines that can be drawn from  $A$  to the circumference: and if  $P, Q$  are any other points such that the arc  $CP$  is less than  $CQ$ ,  $AP$  shall be less than  $AQ$ .

Join  $OP, OQ$ .

Then it is clear that  $AB$  and  $AC$  are at right angles to the tangents at  $B$  and  $C$ , since  $A$  is a point in the radius  $OB$  or  $OC$ .

And if  $P$  is any other point,  $OP$  is the normal at that



point, and therefore  $AP$  is not the normal: hence two and only two normals can be drawn.

Again, in the triangle  $APO$ , the difference of  $OP$  and  $OA$  is  $AC$ , since  $OP = OC$ ; and therefore  $AC$  is less than  $AP$  (I. 13): and the sum of  $OP$  and  $OA$  is  $AB$ , since  $OP = OB$ , and therefore  $AB$  is greater than  $AP$ . Hence of all lines drawn from  $A$  to the circumference  $AC$  is the least and  $AB$  the greatest.

Lastly, in the triangles  $AOP$ ,  $AQO$  since the two sides  $AO$ ,  $OP$  are equal to  $AO$ ,  $OQ$ , but the angle  $AOQ$  greater than the angle  $AOP$ , therefore  $AQ$  is greater than  $AP$  (I. 17).

Therefore as a point moves from  $C$  to  $A$  along the arc, its distance from  $A$  continually increases.

COR. 1. *Two and only two equal straight lines can be drawn from  $A$  to the circumference, one on each side of the shortest normal.*

COR. 2. *A point from which more than two equal straight lines can be drawn to a circumference must be the centre.*

### THEOREM 10.

#### INTERSECTION OF CIRCLES.

*The line that joins the centres of two intersecting circles, or that line produced, bisects at right angles their common chord.*

Fig. 1.

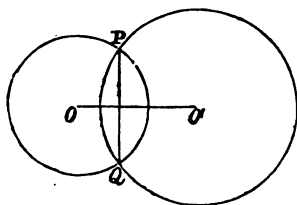
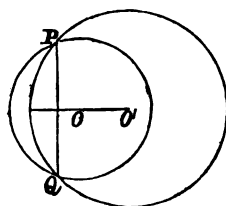


Fig. 2.



Let  $O, O'$  be the centres of two intersecting circles,  $PQ$  their common chord, then shall  $OO'$  or  $OO'$  produced bisect  $PQ$  at right angles.

For since  $PQ$  is a chord of both circles, the line which bisects  $PQ$  at right angles passes through both centres (II. 2,  $\beta$ ); that is, it must be the line  $OO'$ .

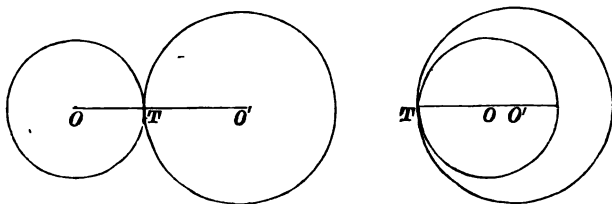
### CONTACT OF CIRCLES.

*Def. 18.* When one of the points in which one circle cuts another moves up to and ultimately coincides with the other, *the circles are said to touch one another* at that point.

Since two circles intersect in only two points, it follows that two circles which touch one another can have no other point in common; for the two points of intersection are merged in the point of contact.

### THEOREM 11.

*If two circles touch one another, the line that joins their centres will pass through the point of contact.*



For if in the figures of Th. 10, the centres  $O, O'$  of the circles were to recede from one another, or were to approach one another, the points  $P$  and  $Q$  would after a while approach one another, and the chord  $PQ$  would become indefinitely small, and be merged in the point  $T$ , and the circles would touch one another at  $T$  by the definition.

But the line  $OO'$  always bisects  $PQ$ , and therefore it will ultimately pass through  $T$  the point of contact.

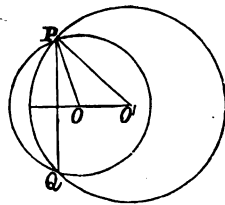
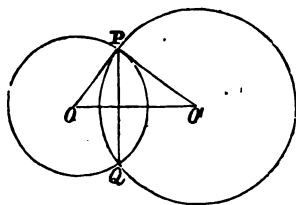
**COR. 1.** *Two circles that touch one another have a common tangent at their point of contact.*

For the line at right angles to  $OO'$  through  $T$  is a tangent to both circles by Th. 7.

**COR. 2.** *If  $R, r$  are the radii of two circles,  $D$  the distance between their centres, it follows that*

(1) *When the circles intersect,*

$$R + r > D \text{ or } R - r < D. \quad (\text{I. 13}).$$



(2) *When the circles touch,*

$$R + r = D \text{ or } R - r = D.$$

(3) *When the circles do not meet,*

$$R + r < D \text{ or } R - r > D.$$

In other words, if  $R, r, D$  are such that any two of them are greater than the third, the circles will intersect; if two of them are together equal to the third, the circles will touch; and if two of them are together less than the third, the circles will not meet, but be wholly inside or wholly outside one another.

EXERCISES.

1. If a straight line touch the inner of two concentric circles, and be terminated by the outer, prove that it will be bisected at the point of contact.

2. Any two chords which intersect on a diameter and make equal angles with it are equal.

3. Two circles touch each other externally, and a third circle is described touching both externally. Shew that the difference of the distances of its centre from the centre of the two given circles will be constant.

4. If two circles intersect one another, and circles are drawn to touch both, prove that either the sum or the difference of the distances of their centres from the centres of the fixed circles will be constant, according as they touch (1) one internally and one externally, (2) both internally or both externally.

5. If two circles touch one another, any line through the point of contact will cut off segments from the two circles capable of the same angle.

6. If two circles touch one another, two straight lines through the point of contact will cut off arcs, the chords of which are parallel.

7. Two circles cut one another, and lines are drawn through the points of section and terminated by the circumference, shew that they intercept arcs the chords of which are parallel.

8. Circles whose radii are 6·7 and 7·8 inches are successively placed so as to have their centres 14,  $14\frac{1}{2}$ , and 15 inches apart. Shew whether the circles will meet or touch or not meet one another.

9. What will be the case if the centres are 1 inch, 1·1 inch, or 1·2 inches apart?

## SECTION IV.

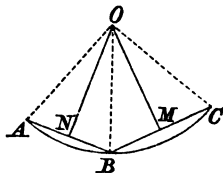
## PROBLEMS.

## PROBLEM 1.

*Given an arc of a circle, to find the centre of the circle of which it is an arc.*

Let  $ABC$  be the arc.

*Construction.* Draw any two chords  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and bisect them at right angles by straight lines  $ON$ ,  $OM$ , intersecting at  $O$  (I. 3, 2).  $O$  shall be the centre required.



*Proof.* For  $NO$  is the locus of points equidistant from  $A$  and  $B$ , and therefore  $AO = BO$ .

Similarly,  $MO$  is the locus of points equidistant from  $B$  and  $C$ ; therefore  $O$  is equidistant from  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .

Hence, the circle described with centre  $O$  and radius equal to one of these three lines, will pass through the other two, and having three points coinciding with the given circular arc, must coincide with it throughout.

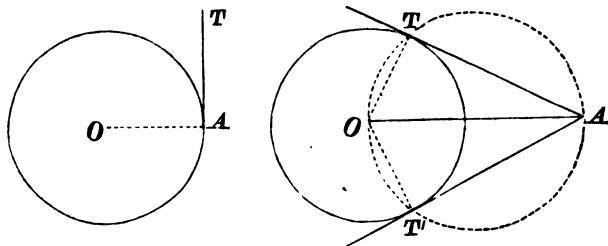
## PROBLEM 2.

*To draw a tangent to a circle from a given point.*

There will be two cases.

First, let the given point  $A$  be on the circumference. Let  $O$  be the centre.

*Construction.* Join  $OA$ , and draw  $AT$  at right angles to  $OA$  (I. 2).



*Proof.* Then  $AT$  is a tangent by Th. 7.

Secondly, let  $A$  be outside the circle.

*Construction.* On  $OA$  as diameter describe a circle, cutting the given circle in  $T$  and  $T'$ . Join  $AT$ ,  $AT'$ ; these shall be tangents from  $A$ .

*Proof.* For join  $OT$ ,  $OT'$ . Then since  $ATO$  is a semicircle, the angle  $ATO$  is a right angle (II. 5, 2). That is,  $AT$  or  $AT'$  is at right angles to the radius to the point where it meets the circumference, and therefore  $AT$  and  $AT'$  are tangents.

It may easily be proved that  $AT = AT'$ .

### PROBLEM 3.

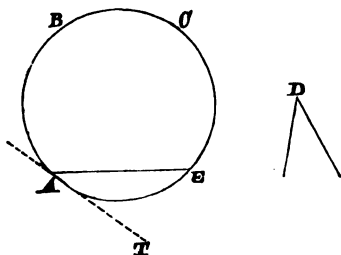
*To cut from any circle a segment which shall be capable of a given angle.*

Let  $ABC$  be the circle,  $D$  the given angle.

*Construction.* Take any point  $A$  on the circumference.

Draw  $AT$  the tangent at  $A$  (II. 2); and make an angle  $TAE$  at  $A$  equal to the angle  $D$  (I. 5, Cor. 2).

Then shall  $AE$  be the chord of the segment required.

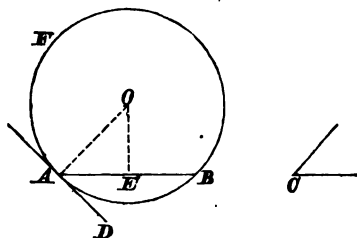


*Proof.* For the angle in the segment alternate to  $TAE$  is equal to the angle  $TAE$ , that is, is equal to  $D$ .

#### PROBLEM 4.

*On a given straight line to describe a segment of a circle containing an angle equal to a given angle.*

Let  $AB$  be the given line,  $C$  the given angle.



*Construction.* At the point  $A$  make an angle  $BAD$  equal to the angle  $C$  (I. 5, Cor. 2).

Then if a circle be described to touch  $AD$  in  $A$ , and to pass through  $B$ , the segment of that circle alternate to  $BAD$  will be the segment required.

To find the centre of this circle, draw  $AO$  at right angles to  $AD$ : then  $AO$  is the locus of the centres of all circles which touch  $AD$  at  $A$ .

And bisect  $AB$  at right angles by the line  $EO$ ; then  $EO$  is the locus of the centres of circles which pass through  $A$  and  $B$ .

Therefore  $O$ , the point of intersection of these lines, is the centre of the circle required.

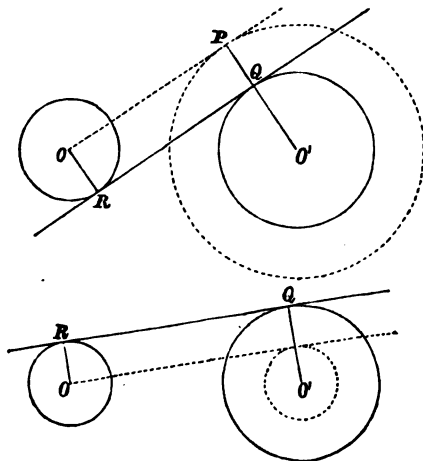
With centre  $O$  and radius  $OA$  or  $OB$  describe a circle, which will touch  $AD$  at  $A$  and pass through  $B$ , and therefore the segment  $AFB$  contains an angle equal to the angle  $BAD$ , that is to the given angle  $C$ .

# PROBLEM 5.

*To draw a common tangent to two given circles.*

Let the centres of the circles be  $O, O'$ .

*Construction.* With centre  $O'$  and radius equal to the sum or difference of the radii of the given circles, describe a circle, as in the figures.





From  $O$  draw a tangent to this circle, touching it in  $P$ . Join  $O'P$ , and let it, produced through  $P$  if necessary, meet the circumference of the circle whose centre is  $O'$  in the point  $Q$ . Through  $O$  draw  $OR$  parallel to  $PQ$ , and join  $QR$ .  $QR$  will be a tangent to both circles.

*Proof.* Since  $PQ$  is by the construction equal and parallel to  $OR$ , therefore  $RQ$  is parallel to  $OP$ . But  $OP$  is at right angles to  $O'P$ , since it touches the circle in  $P$ , and therefore  $RQ$  is at right angles to  $OR$  and  $OQ$ ; and therefore touches both circles.

COR. 1. *When the circles are wholly outside one another, they have four common tangents: when they touch externally, they have three common tangents: when they intersect one another, they have two common tangents: when they touch internally, they have one common tangent: and when one of the circles is wholly inside the other, they have no common tangent.*

COR. 2. *By symmetry with respect to  $OO'$ , pairs of the common tangents will intersect on that line.*

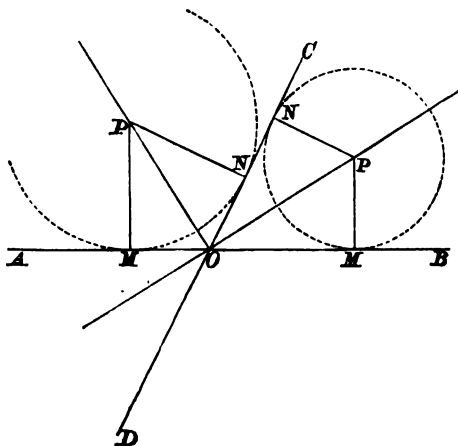
#### PROBLEM 6.

*To find the locus of the centres of circles which touch two given straight lines.*

Let  $AOB$ ,  $COD$  be the two given straight lines, intersecting one another in  $O$ .

Let  $P$  be the centre of a circle which touches both the lines,  $PN$ ,  $PM$  the perpendiculars from  $P$  on  $DOC$  and  $AOB$ .

Then  $PN=PM$ , and if  $OP$  be joined, since the triangles  $ONP$ ,  $OMP$  are right angled at  $N$  and  $M$ , have the



hypotenuse  $OP$  common, and have one side  $PN$  = one side  $PM$ , being radii of the same circle; therefore the triangles are equal in all respects, and the angle  $PON$  = the angle  $POM$ , that is  $OP$  bisects the angle  $COB$ .

Therefore the centres lie on the bisectors of the angles between the given lines; and these bisectors are therefore the locus required.

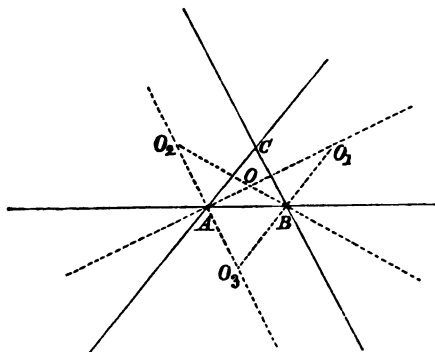
COR. 1. *It is obvious that these bisectors form two straight lines at right angles to one another.*

COR. 2. *If the given lines are parallel, the locus is a line parallel to both and equidistant from them.*

#### PROBLEM 7.

*To describe a circle to touch three given straight lines of indefinite length.*

Let the three given lines intersect in  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .



Then since the circle required is to touch the lines that intersect in  $A$ , its centre must lie on one of the bisectors of the angles at  $A$ . Similarly, it must lie on one of the bisectors of the angles at  $B$ . Therefore the construction is suggested.

*Construction.* Draw the bisectors of the angles at  $A$  and  $B$ , which will intersect in four points  $O$ ,  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $O_3$ .

These will be the centres of the circles required, and a circle described with any one of these points as centre, to touch one of the given lines, will touch the other two.

*COR. 1.* It follows that  $COO_3$  and  $O_2CO_1$  are straight lines, that is, the six bisectors of the interior and exterior angles of a triangle intersect one another three and three in four points.

*COR. 2.* If two of the lines are parallel, only two circles can be described to touch the three lines.

*COR. 3.* If all the lines are parallel, no circle can be described to touch them all.

## SECTION V.

## REGULAR POLYGONS.

One of the most interesting species of problem connected with the circle consists in describing regular polygons, and inscribing them in, or circumscribing them about given circles.

We shall first establish the following theorems.

## THEOREM 12.

*If from the centre of a circle radii are drawn to make equal angles with one another consecutively all round, then if their extremities are joined consecutively, a regular polygon will be inscribed in the circle, and if at their extremities, tangents are drawn, a regular polygon will be circumscribed to the circle.*

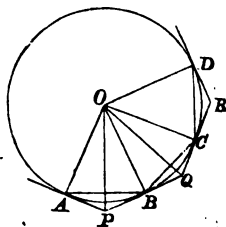
Let  $OA, OB, OC, OD \dots$  be radii making equal angles consecutively to one another.

(1) Join  $AB, BC, CD \dots$

Then since the angles at  $O$  are equal, the chords which subtend them are equal (II. 1), and therefore the inscribed polygon is equilateral.

And since the arcs  $AB, BC, CD \dots$  are equal; therefore the arc  $AC = \text{arc } BD$ , and therefore the angle  $ABC$  in the segment  $ABC = \text{the angle } BCD$  in the segment  $BCD$ ; that is, the polygon is equiangular.

Hence  $ABCD \dots$  will be a regular polygon inscribed in the circle.



(2) Draw tangents at  $A, B, C, D \dots$  meeting one another in  $P, Q, R \dots$

Join  $PO, QO$ .

Since  $AP = PB$ , the line  $PO$  bisects the angle  $AOB$ , and similarly  $QO$  bisects the angle  $BOC$ . Therefore the angle  $POB =$  the angle  $QOB$ , and hence  $PB = BQ$  from the triangles  $POB, QOB$ .

Therefore  $QP$  is double of  $QB$ ; and similarly  $QR$  is double of  $QC$ .

But  $QB = QC$ ; and therefore  $QP = QR$ ; and thus it may be shewn that the polygon is equilateral.

And since the angles  $APB, BQC \dots$  are supplementary to the angles  $AOB, BOC \dots$  they are equal to one another.

That is, the polygon is equiangular; and since  $PQ, QR \dots$  are tangents,  $PQR \dots$  will be a regular polygon circumscribed to the circle.

### THEOREM 13.

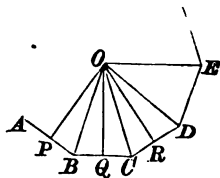
*In a regular polygon the bisectors of the angles intersect in one point, which is the centre of the circles inscribed in the polygon, or circumscribed about it.*

Let  $ABCDE \dots$  be a regular polygon.

Bisect the angles  $B, C$  by straight lines meeting in  $O$ .

Join  $OD, OE \dots$

Since  $BO, CO$  are bisectors of the equal angles  $ABC, BCD$ , therefore the angle  $OBC =$  the angle  $OCB$ ; and therefore  $OB = OC$ .



And because in the triangles  $OCB, OCD$ , the angle

$OCB = OCD$ , and the sides which contain these equal angles are equal to one another, each to each, therefore  $OD = OB$ , and  $ODC = OBC$ . But  $OBC$  is half of  $ABC$ , that is of  $CDE$ , since the polygon is equiangular. Therefore  $ODC$  is half of  $CDE$ , and therefore  $OD$  bisects the angle  $CDE$ .

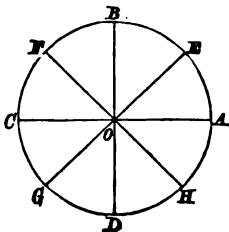
In the same manner it may be shewn that  $OE = OC$ , and bisects the angle at  $E$ . Hence  $O$  is the centre of the circle circumscribed about the polygon, of which  $OB$  is the radius.

And because  $AB, BC, CD \dots$  are equal chords in this circle, of which  $O$  is the centre, therefore the perpendiculars  $OP, OQ, OR \dots$  on those chords are all equal; and a circle described with centre  $O$  and radius  $OP$  will pass through  $Q, R \dots$  and touch  $AB, BC, CD \dots$  in the points  $P, Q, R \dots$ . That is  $O$  is the centre of the inscribed circle of which  $OP$  is the radius.

#### PROBLEM 8.

*To construct a regular polygon of four, eight, sixteen ... sides, and inscribe them in, or describe them about a given circle.*

Take  $O$  the centre of the given circle, and draw through it two diameters at right angles to one another, meeting the circumference in  $A, B, C, D$ ; then by Theorem 12, if  $AB, BC \dots$  be joined, we get a regular inscribed polygon of four sides; and if tangents be drawn at  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ , we get a regular circumscribed polygon of four sides, that is a square.



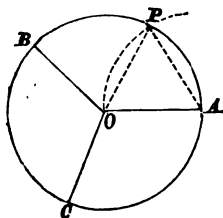
To describe an octagon, bisect (by Part I. Prob. 1) the angles  $AOB$ ,  $BOC$ ,  $COD$ ,  $DOA$  by lines meeting the circle in  $E$ ,  $F$ ,  $G$ ,  $H$ ; then  $A$ ,  $E$ ,  $B$ ,  $F$ ... are the angular points of a regular inscribed octagon, or the points of contact of the sides of a regular circumscribed octagon.

Similarly, by again bisecting the angles at  $O$ , a regular sixteen-sided polygon may be constructed; and hence a thirty-two-sided figure, and so generally a polygon of  $2^n$  sides, may be constructed, when  $n$  is any integer greater than 1.

#### PROBLEM 9.

*To construct regular polygons of three, six, twelve ... sides, and inscribe them in, or describe them about a given circle.*

Let  $O$  be the centre of the circle. On  $OA$ , one of the



radii, make an equilateral triangle  $AOP$ , and take  $AOB$ , double of the angle  $AOP$ .

Then since each angle of an equilateral triangle is one-third of two right angles; therefore its double is one-third of four right angles; and therefore two other equal angles  $BOC$ ,  $COA$  will fill up the space round  $O$ .

Hence the angles at  $O$  being equal,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  are the angular points of a regular inscribed polygon of three sides.

As before, by bisecting the angles at  $O$  we obtain the angular points of the regular hexagon; and by bisecting these angles we obtain the dodecagon; and so generally a regular polygon of  $3 \times 2^n$  sides may be constructed, where  $n$  may have any integral value, including zero.

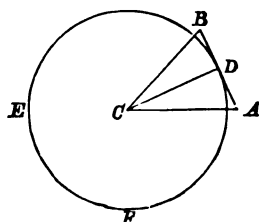
The Theorems at present proved do not enable the student to construct any regular polygons except those included in the foregoing problems.

Hereafter we shall shew that a regular pentagon can be described, and by means of it the decagon, quindecagon, &c.

#### THEOREM 14.

*The area of a circle is equal to half the rectangle contained by the radius and a straight line equal to the circumference.*

Let  $C$  be the centre of a circle  $DEF$ . And let  $AB$  be the side of a polygon described about the circle,  $CD$  a radius drawn to the point of contact.



Then the triangle  $ABC = \frac{1}{2}$  the rectangle contained by  $CD$  and  $AB$ .

And since the whole polygon can be divided into triangles by lines drawn from the angular points to the centre,



The area of the polygon =  $\frac{1}{2}$  the rectangle contained by the radius of the circle and perimeter of the polygon.

Now this is true whatever may be the number of sides of the polygon.

But by perpetually increasing the number of sides of the polygon, that polygon approaches nearer and nearer to the circle.

So finally the area of the circle =  $\frac{1}{2}$  rectangle contained by radius and circumference.

*Remark.* This will give the area of the circle when we know the lengths of the radius and the circumference. The length of the latter cannot be found by the use of the rule and compasses. But if we added to our mathematical instruments a cylinder that might be rolled on the paper, or a tape that might be unrolled from a cylinder, we should have that length at once, and consequently the area.

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1. Prove that the two tangents drawn to a circle from any external point are equal.

2. If from a point without a circle two tangents  $AB$ ,  $AC$  are drawn, the chord of contact  $BC$  will be bisected at right angles by the line from  $A$  to the centre.

3. If a circle is inscribed in a right-angled triangle, the excess of the two sides over the hypotenuse is equal to the diameter of the circle.

4. If a quadrilateral figure be described about a circle, the sums of the opposite sides will be equal to one another.

5. If a six-sided figure be circumscribed about a circle, the sums of the alternate sides will be equal.

6. If a quadrilateral figure be described about a circle, the angles subtended at the centre by any two opposite sides are together equal to two right angles.

7.  $AOB$ ,  $COD$  are two chords of a circle at right angles to one another; prove that the squares of  $OA$ ,  $OB$ ,  $OC$ , and  $OD$ , are together equal to the square of the diameter.

8. The chord  $AB$  is produced both ways equally to  $C, D$ , and tangents  $CE, DF$ , drawn on opposite sides of  $CD$ ; shew that  $EF$  bisects  $AB$ .

9. Two circles touch one another in  $A$ , and have a common tangent  $BC$ . Shew that the angle  $BAC$  is a right angle.

10. Describe (when possible) a circle of given radius to touch (1) two given lines, (2) two given circles.

11. Describe a circle to touch a given line in a given point, and pass through another given point.

12. Describe a circle to touch a given circle in a given point, and to pass through another given point.

13. Find the following loci:—the vertices of triangles on the same base, having a given vertical angle.

14. Of the point of intersection of the lines which bisect the angles at the base of such triangles.

(Prove that the angle between each pair of intersectors is the same.)

15. Of a point at which a given straight line subtends a given angle.

16. Of the points of bisection of parallel chords in a circle.

17. Of the points of bisection of equal chords in a circle.

18. Of points from which the tangent to a given circle has a given length.

19. Of the vertices of right-angled triangles on a given base.

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20. Of the centres of all circles which touch a given line in a given point.

21. Of the centres of circles which touch a given circle in a given point.

22. Of the centres of circles of given radius which pass through a given point.

23. Of the middle point of a line drawn from a given point to meet a given circle.

24. Shew that the inscribed equilateral triangle is one-fourth of the circumscribed equilateral triangle.

25. A ladder slips down a wall: find the locus of its middle point.

26. If from two fixed points in the circumference of a circle two lines are drawn to intercept a given arc, the locus of their intersections is a circle.

27. Two chords of a circle which do not bisect each other do not pass through the centre.

28. Circles which cut one another cannot have the same centre.

29. Two shillings are moved in the corner of a box so that each always touches one side, and they touch one another; find the locus of the point of contact.

30. Two circles cut one another, and lines are drawn through the points of section, and terminated by the circumferences; shew that the chords which join the extremities of these lines are parallel.

31. Two equal circles intersect in  $A$  and  $B$ , and any line  $BCD$  is drawn to cut both circles. Prove that

$$AC = AD.$$

32. Two equal circles intersect in  $A, B$ ; a third circle is drawn, with centre  $A$  and any radius less than  $AB$ , meeting the circles in  $C, D$ , on the same side of  $AB$ . Prove that  $B, C, D$  lie in one straight line.

33.  $ACD, ADB$  are two segments of circles on the same base  $AB$ ; take any point  $C$  on the segment  $ACB$ , and join  $CA, CB$ , and produce them if necessary to meet  $ADB$  in  $D, E$ . Shew that the arc  $DE$  is constant.

34. If two circles cut each other, and from either point of intersection diameters be drawn, the extremities of these diameters and the other point of intersection shall be in the same straight line.

35. If a straight line be drawn to touch a circle and parallel to a chord, the point of contact will bisect the arc cut off by that chord.

36. Perpendiculars  $AD, CE$  are let fall from the angles  $A, C$  of the triangle  $ABC$  on the opposite sides. Prove that the angle  $ACE$  is equal to the angle  $ADE$ .

37. Two circles intersect in  $A, B$ , and tangents  $AC, AD$  are drawn to each circle, meeting circumferences in  $C, D$ , prove that  $BC, BD$  make equal angles with  $BA$ .

38. If one of two intersecting circles pass through the centre of the other, prove that the tangent to the first at the point of intersection, and the common chord, make equal angles with the radius to that point from the centre of the second.

39. Given base, altitude, and vertical angle, construct the triangle.

40. To draw a line from a given point such that the

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perpendicular on it from a given point shall have a given length.

41. In a given straight line to find a point at which a given straight line subtends a given angle.

42. Describe a circle to touch a given circle, and touch a given line in a given point.

43. Describe a circle of given radius to touch a given line, and have its centre on another given line.

44. Find a point in a given chord produced of a circle, from which the tangent to the circle shall have a given length.

45. With a given radius describe a circle touching two given circles.

46. Describe a triangle, having given the vertical angle and the segments of the base made by the line bisecting the vertical angle.

47. Given base, altitude, and radius of circumscribed circle, construct the triangle.

48. The triangle contained by the two tangents to a circle from any point and any other tangent that meet them has its perimeter double of either of the two tangents. Prove this ; and apply it to construct a triangle, having given the vertical angle, perimeter, and altitude.

49. Given the perimeter, the vertical angle, and the line bisecting the vertical angle, construct the triangle.

50. If two of the external angles of a triangle and one internal angle are bisected, prove that the three bisectors intersect in one point.

51. The three perpendiculars to the sides of a triangle drawn through their middle points meet in one point.

52. The three lines which join the angles of a triangle to the middle points of the opposite sides intersect in one point.

53. If two circles touch one another, the lines which join the extremities of parallel diameters towards opposite parts will intersect in the point of contact.

54. The circles described on the sides of a triangle as diameters intersect in the sides, or sides produced, of the triangle.

55. Equilateral triangles are described on the sides of a triangle; prove that the circles described about those triangles pass through one point.

56. If tangents be drawn at the extremities of any two diameters of a circle, the straight lines joining the opposite points of intersection will both pass through the centre.

57. The four common tangents to two circles which do not meet one another intersect, two and two, on the straight line which joins the centres of the circles.

58. Given the altitude, the bisector of the vertical angle, and the bisector of the base, to construct the triangle.

59. Draw circles to touch one side of a given triangle and the other two sides produced.

60. Draw a figure of a triangle with its inscribed, circumscribed, and escribed circles.

61. If a triangle is equilateral, shew that the radii of

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the inscribed, and circumscribed, and an escribed circle are to one another as 1, 2, 3.

62. If circles are described with the vertices of a triangle as centres, and so as to pass through the points of contact of the inscribed circle with the adjacent sides, these three circles will touch one another.

63. Place a straight line of given length in a circle so that it shall be parallel to a given diameter of the circle.

64. Place (when possible) a straight line of given length in a circle so that it shall pass through a given point within or without the circle.

65. Given three points describe circles from them as centres so that each may touch the other two.

66. On the side of any triangle equilateral triangles are described externally, and their vertices joined to the opposite vertices of the given triangle, shew that the joining lines pass through one point.

67.  $O$  is the centre of the circle inscribed in the triangle  $ABC$ , which touches  $AB, AC$  in  $C', B'$ ; if  $AO$  cuts the circle in  $P$ , and  $AO$  produced in  $P'$ , shew that  $P, P'$  are the centres of the inscribed and escribed circles of the triangle  $AB'C'$ .

68. Shew that a triangle is equal to the rectangle contained by its semi-perimeter and the radius of the inscribed circle.

69. Of all the rectangles inscribable in a circle, shew that a square is the greatest.

70. If a quadrilateral figure can be described about a circle, shew that the sums of its opposite sides are equal. Can a circle be inscribed in (1) a rectangle, (2) a parallelogram, (3) a rhombus?



71. Shew that the inscribed hexagon is three-fourths of the circumscribed hexagon.

72. Shew that the six segments into which the points of contact of the escribed circles of a triangle divide the sides, may be arranged in three pairs of equal segments.

73. Inscribe an octagon in a given circle.

74. Describe a circle (1) to touch three given lines ;  
(2) to intercept equal chords of any given length on three given straight lines.

In how many ways may each of these problems be solved ?

75. At any point in the circumference of the circle circumscribing a square, shew that one of the sides subtends an angle three times as great as the others.

76. Find the locus of points at which two sides of a square subtend equal angles.

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78. If four straight lines intersect one another so as to form four triangles, prove that the four circumscribing circles will pass through one point.

79. Of all triangles inscribable in a circle the greatest is the equilateral. Extend this to the case of a polygon of any number of sides.

80. A straight line is divided into any two parts in  $C$ , and  $ADC$ ,  $CEB$  are equilateral triangles on the same side of  $AB$ . Find the locus of the intersection of  $AE$  and  $BD$ .

## BOOK III. PROPORTION.

### INTRODUCTION.

#### MEASURES.

A *measure* of a line is any line which is contained in it an exact number of times. Thus an inch is a measure of a foot; and a yard is a measure of a mile. So too the measure of an area is any area which is contained an exact number of times in it. A square inch is thus a measure of a square yard. *A measure is therefore an aliquot part of any magnitude which it measures.* The length of a line, the extent of an area, or any other magnitude, is completely known when we know a measure of it, and how many times it contains that measure.

In measuring any magnitude we take some standard to measure by. Thus in measuring length we take a yard, or a foot, or an inch. In measuring solids we take a cubic inch, a cubic foot, or the like. The standard so taken is called the *unit*. It may be a precise measure of the magnitude measured, or it may not. The number, whether whole or fractional, which expresses how many times a magnitude contains a certain unit is called the *numerical value* of that magnitude in terms of that unit. Thus in speaking of a

line as 7 yards long, a yard is the unit of length, and the numerical value of the line in terms of that unit is 7.

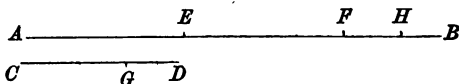
Two lines or magnitudes of the same kind are said to have a *common measure* when there exists a unit of which they can both be expressed as multiples. Thus 15 inches and 1 foot have a common measure, for with the unit 3 inches, their numerical values would be 5 and 4; and with the unit 1 inch their numerical values would be 15 and 12. All whole numbers have unity as a common measure.

The following problem gives a method of finding the greatest common measure of two magnitudes, if any common measure exists.

#### PROBLEM.

*To find the greatest common measure of two magnitudes, if they have a common measure.*

Let  $AB$  and  $CD$  be the two magnitudes. From  $AB$



the greater cut off parts,  $AE$ ,  $EF$ ... each equal to  $CD$  the less, leaving a remainder  $FB$  which is less than  $CD$ .

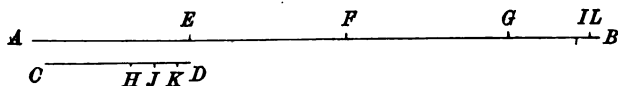
From  $CD$  cut off parts,  $CG$ ..., equal to  $FB$ , leaving a remainder  $GD$  less than  $FB$ .

From  $FB$  cut off parts  $FH$ ,  $HB$ ... equal to  $GD$ : and continue this process until a remainder  $GD$  is found which is contained an *exact number* of times in the previous remainder, so that no further remainder is left. The last remainder is then the greatest common measure.

For, firstly, since  $GD$  measures  $FB$ , it also measures  $CG$ ; and therefore measures  $CD$ . But  $CD = AE$  and  $EF$ ; and therefore  $GD$  measures  $AE$ ,  $EF$  and  $FB$ ; that is it measures  $AB$ . Hence  $GD$  is a common measure of  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

And again, since every measure of  $CD$  and  $AB$  must measure  $AF$ , it must measure  $FB$  or  $CG$ , and therefore also  $GD$ : hence the common measure cannot be greater than  $GD$ ; that is  $GD$  is the *greatest* common measure.

So also, in the figure adjoining, the first remainder is



$GB$ ; the second  $HD$ ; the third  $IB$ ; the fourth  $KD$ , which is contained exactly twice in  $IB$ . Hence  $KD$  is the greatest common measure, and it will be seen to be contained twice in  $IB$ , and therefore five times in  $HD$ , seven times in  $GB$ , 12 times in  $CD$ , and 43 times in  $AB$ .

Hence  $AB$  and  $CD$  have as their numerical values 43 and 12 in terms of the unit  $KD$ .

COR. Every measure of  $KD$  is a common measure of  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

When magnitudes have a common measure they are called *commensurable*. But it is very frequently the case in Geometrical figures, that lines and other magnitudes have no common measure; the process above given continuing indefinitely; the remainder becoming smaller at each step of the process but never actually disappearing. In this case the lines are said to be *incommensurable*.

The following theorem will serve to illustrate incommensurable magnitudes.

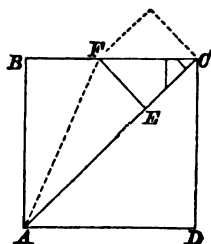
## THEOREM I.

*To prove that the side and diagonal of a square are incommensurable.*

Let  $ABCD$  be a square:  $AC$  the diagonal.

Then will  $AC$  and  $AB$  be incommensurable.

For since  $AC$  is  $> AB$  and  $<$  twice  $AB$ , cut off a part  $AE = AB$ . Then the common measure of  $AC$  and  $AB$ , is also a common measure of  $EC$  and  $AB$ , or of  $EC$  and  $BC$ .



Draw  $EF$  at right angles to  $AC$  to meet  $BC$  in  $F$ : and join  $AF$ . Then in the right-angled triangles  $ABF$ ,  $AEF$  the hypotenuse and one side  $AB =$  the hypotenuse and one side  $AE$ , and therefore  $BF = FE$ .

And in the triangle  $FEC$ , since  $E$  is a right angle, and  $ECF$  half a right angle, therefore  $EFC$  is half a right angle, and therefore  $FE = EC$ . Therefore  $EC = BF$ .

Hence the common measure of  $EC$  and  $BC$  is also a common measure of  $EC$  and  $FC$ .

But  $EC$  and  $FC$  are the side and diagonal of a square smaller than  $ABCD$ ; and similarly the common measure of  $EC$  and  $FC$  can be shewn to be also the common measure of the side and diagonal of a still smaller square; and so on, till the side and diagonal become as small as we please.

Hence it is evident that we shall never find a common measure of  $AC$  and  $BC$ . For the original relation of side and diagonal is perpetually reproduced, and we are perpetually brought back to the problem with which we started.

The remainder becomes smaller at every step but never actually disappears. There is therefore no common measure of  $AC$  and  $BC$ ; that is, they are incommensurable.

### RATIO.

When two magnitudes of the same kind are considered we can compare them with one another, and form a notion of their relative magnitudes: we do this instinctively, and antecedently to all geometrical teaching. To express the notion thus formed we must ascertain how many times the one contains the other, or some aliquot part of the other. Thus if one line contains another 7 times, the one line has the same relative magnitude to the other that the number 7 has to the number 1; and if one line contains the 5th part of another 8 times, the one has to the other the same relative magnitude that 8 has to 5.

This relation of magnitude is called ratio.

It follows from the notion of relative magnitude that the ratio of two magnitudes is the same as that of their numerical values in terms of the same unit. And if two magnitudes have the same numerical values in terms of different units, their ratio is the same as that of their units.

Thus the ratios of the lines whose Greatest Common Measures were ascertained above, are the ratios of 12 to 5 and 43 to 12 respectively. Again the ratio of 7 weeks to 7 days is that of a week to a day.

The fact is that all number is but a kind of ratio.

We are taught in arithmetic to distinguish between *concrete* and *abstract quantities*. Concrete quantities are really existing things: abstract quantities are the means that we use to express the concrete. Seven shillings, five horses, three acres are concrete quantities: seven, five, three

are abstract quantities. The difference is most clearly seen in multiplication. You cannot multiply by a concrete quantity; a multiplier must be abstract. You cannot multiply seven shillings by six shillings, nor five days by three weeks, nor twelve miles by ten cats. Now *abstract quantities* and *ratios* are precisely the same things. We use the phrase "*abstract quantity*" when we are thinking of a quantity in itself; we use the word "*ratio*" when we are thinking of the relation of one quantity to another. The number seven considered in itself is called an abstract quantity, considered as expressing the relation of a week to a day, of a guinea to three shillings, of the number 42 to the number 6, it is called a ratio.

All numbers, therefore, as we said before, are ratios. But there is an important distinction between numbers and ratios; and though all numbers are ratios, all ratios are not numbers.

Numbers are essentially discontinuous, and therefore unsuited immediately to express the relations of magnitudes that change continuously. If a line 3 inches long is conceived as stretched till it becomes 4 inches long it passes continuously from one length to the other, but the arithmetical expression of the change is discontinuous, however small a unit we take: if we take  $\frac{1}{1000}$ <sup>th</sup> of an inch as the unit, the line is at first 3000, then 3001, 3002,...and finally 4000 of these units, but we cannot arithmetically express all the values the line takes in passing from 3000 to 3001; that is, all the ratios which its length has to  $\frac{1}{1000}$ <sup>th</sup> of an inch.

Here lies the fundamental difficulty in the application of arithmetic to Geometry. Arithmetic deals with numbers which are discontinuous. Geometry with ratios which are

continuous and only coincide with numbers at regular intervals. We may make those intervals as small as we please, but we cannot get rid of them.

Two commensurable magnitudes have to one another a ratio which can be expressed in numbers. For if they contain their common measure  $m$  times and  $n$  times respectively, they have the same ratio as  $m$  to  $n$ .

This is generally called the ratio of  $m$  to  $n$ , which is written  $m : n$  or  $\frac{m}{n} : 1$  or more simply  $\frac{m}{n}$ ; and if  $A, C$  are the magnitudes it is said that  $\frac{A}{C} = \frac{m}{n}$  or that  $A = \frac{m}{n} C$ .

Incommensurable magnitudes have to one another a ratio, but they have not to one another the ratio of any two numbers however great. For if they had the ratio of  $p : q$ , and the first were divided into  $p$  equal parts, the second would contain  $q$  of those parts; and thus they would have a common measure, viz. one of these parts.

But numbers can be found which express within any specified degree of accuracy the ratio of incommensurable magnitudes.

For if  $A$  and  $B$  be the magnitudes, and  $B$  is divided into  $n$  equal parts, there must be some number  $m$ , such that  $A$  contains  $m$  but not  $m + 1$  such parts; therefore the ratio of  $A : B$  is greater than  $\frac{m}{n}$ , but less than  $\frac{m+1}{n}$ ; and these ratios differ only by  $\frac{1}{n}$ , which by increasing  $n$  may be made as small as we please.

This conclusion may be differently expressed thus; that if  $A$  and  $B$  are incommensurable, they may be made commensurable by adding to either of them a magnitude less



than one which shall be as small as we please. For by adding to  $A$  a quantity less than  $\frac{1^{\text{th}}}{n}$  of  $B$ ,  $A$  thus increased would contain the  $n^{\text{th}}$  part of  $B$   $m + 1$  times exactly.

It follows from what has been said that the ratio of two magnitudes is the quantity of one in terms of the other.

It is important to observe that since magnitude and ratio are both continuous, there is always a magnitude that has a given ratio to any given magnitude.

### COMPOUND RATIO.

When a magnitude is altered successively in two or more ratios it has to the final result a ratio which is compounded of the given ratios.

Thus if  $m : n, p : q$  be two ratios, and a magnitude  $A$  is first altered in the ratio  $m : n$ , and then the result altered in the ratio  $p : q$ , and the final result thus obtained is  $B$ , then the ratio  $A : B$  is compounded of the ratio  $m : n, p : q$ ; for the single alteration indicated by ratio  $A : B$  produces the joint effect of the two alterations indicated by the ratio  $m : n, p : q$ .

This process is called the composition of ratios. It is plainly not necessary to suppose that  $A$  has been actually altered till it has become  $B$ . It is enough if  $B$  is what  $A$  would have become if so altered.

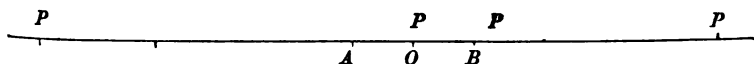
When two equal ratios are compounded the ratio resulting from the composition is said to be the duplicate of the original ratio. When three equal ratios, the triplicate; and so on.

It is evident that different ratios cannot have the same duplicate or triplicate ratio.

The following theorem furnishes a valuable exercise on ratios.

THEOREM 2.

*If A and B be two fixed points in a straight line of indefinite length, and P a moveable point in that line, then the ratio of PA to PB may have any value, from 0 to infinity, and there are two and only two positions of P such that  $PA : PB = \text{any given ratio}$ .*



The value infinity is represented by the symbol  $\infty$ .

Let  $O$  be the point of bisection of  $AB$ ; then if  $P$  is at  $O$  the ratio  $\frac{PA}{PB} = 1$ .

Conceive the point  $P$  to move to the right towards  $B$ , then the ratio  $\frac{PA}{PB}$  continually increases until, when  $P$  approaches indefinitely near to  $B$  the ratio becomes infinite; and for intermediate positions it has passed continuously through every value between 1 and  $\infty$ .

When  $P$  is at the right of  $B$  the ratio

$$\frac{PA}{PB} = \frac{PB + AB}{PB} = 1 + \frac{AB}{PB},$$

and is therefore greater than 1.

When  $PB$  is very small  $\frac{AB}{PB}$  is very large, and as  $PB$  increases  $\frac{AB}{PB}$  diminishes until it becomes indefinitely small,

and therefore  $\frac{PA}{PB}$  becomes as nearly equal to 1 as we please, and has passed continuously through every value between  $\infty$  and 1.

Hence for any assigned value of the ratio greater than 1 there are two positions for  $P$ , one between  $O$  and  $B$ , and one to the right of  $B$ .

Similarly as  $P$  moves from  $O$  to  $A$ ,  $\frac{PA}{PB}$  passes through every value from 1 to 0, and as it moves to the left of  $A$  it passes through every value from 0 to 1, and therefore for every value of the ratio less than 1 there are two positions for  $P$ , one between  $O$  and  $A$ , and one to the left of  $A$ .

#### PROPORTION.

*Def.* *Proportion* consists in the equality of ratios.

Four magnitudes are called *proportionals*, or are in proportion, when the 1st has the same ratio to the 2nd that the 3rd has to the 4th.

If  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  are the magnitudes in proportion, of which  $A$  and  $B$  are of the same kind, and  $C$  and  $D$  of the same kind, this is expressed by the notation  $A : B :: C : D$ , or by  $\frac{A}{B} = \frac{C}{D}$ .  $A$  and  $D$  are called the extremes, and  $B$  and  $C$  the means.

*Def.* The 1st and 3rd terms are called *homologous*, as occupying the same place as antecedent in the ratio; so also are the 2nd and 4th, as consequent.

The ratios of commensurable magnitudes may be expressed numerically by their numerical values in terms of

their common measure; and in such cases it is easy to ascertain whether the proportion is true. But if the magnitudes are incommensurable, their numerical values cannot be *exactly* expressed, and yet the ratios may be *exactly* equal, as is shewn in the following Theorem.

## THEOREM 3.

*If A, B, C, D be four magnitudes such that B and D always contain the same aliquot part of A and C respectively the same number of times, however great the number of parts into which A and C are divided, then  $A : B :: C : D$ .*

For suppose *A* and *B* to be two magnitudes, and when

$$\begin{array}{ll} A \text{ —————} & C \text{ —————} \\ B \text{ —————} & D \text{ —————} \\ & D' \text{ —————} \end{array}$$

*A* is divided into  $n$  equal parts, let *B* contain  $m$ , but not  $m + 1$  of these parts. And let *C* and *D* be two other magnitudes, such that when *C* is divided into  $n$  equal parts, *D* contains  $m$  but not  $m + 1$  of these parts.

If *D'* is the 4th proportional to *A, B, C*, then *D'* also must contain  $m$  but not  $(m + 1)$  of these parts.

Now if *D'* differed from *D* by any quantity however small, it would be possible by sufficiently increasing  $n$  to make the  $n^{\text{th}}$  part of *C* still smaller than this quantity. And then when *D* contained this  $n^{\text{th}}$  part of *C*  $m$  times but not  $m + 1$  times, *D'* would contain it either less than  $m$  or more than  $m + 1$  times, according as *D'* was less or greater than *D*. But then *D'* would plainly not be the fourth proportional to *A, B*, and *C*. Therefore *D'* does not differ from *D*, that

is  $D=D'$  and the four magnitudes  $A, B, C, D$  are proportionals.

This reasoning is frequently applicable in Geometry to prove that four magnitudes are proportionals, and is applicable alike to commensurable and incommensurable magnitudes.

COR. 1. Permutando. *If  $A, B, C, D$  are magnitudes of the same kind, and  $A : B :: C : D$ , then is  $A : C :: B : D$ .*

For suppose  $A$  and  $B$  to be two magnitudes, and when

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A & \text{---} & C \\ B & \text{---} & D \\ & & D' \end{array}$$

$A$  is divided into  $n$  equal parts, let  $B$  contain  $m$ , but not  $m+1$  of these parts. And let  $C$  and  $D$  be two other magnitudes, such that when  $C$  is divided into  $n$  equal parts,  $D$  contains  $m$  but not  $m+1$  of these parts.

For let  $D'$  be the 4<sup>th</sup> proportional to  $A, C, B$ , so that  $A : C :: B : D'$ . Then the ratio of  $A$  to  $C$  is that of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  part of  $A$  to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  part of  $C$ , into which parts they were divided: and since  $B$  must have to  $D'$  the same ratio,  $B$  and  $D'$  cannot contain a different number of these  $n^{\text{th}}$  parts respectively; so that since  $B$  contains  $m$  and not  $m+1$  of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  parts of  $A$ ,  $D'$  must contain  $m$  and not  $m+1$  of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  parts of  $C$ . Now, precisely as before, if  $D'$  differed from  $D$  by any quantity however small, it might be shewn, by increasing  $n$ , to contain the  $n^{\text{th}}$  part of  $C$  either  $m-1$  or  $m+1$  times, which is impossible. Therefore  $D'=D$  and  $A : C :: B : D$ .

COR. 2. Invertendo. *If  $A, B, C, D$  are in proportion*  

$$B : A :: D : C.$$

COR. 3. Componendo. Also  $A + B : B :: C + D : D$ ;  
and Dividendo.  $A - B : B :: C - D : D$ .

COR. 4. Ex æquali. If  $A : B :: C : D$  and  $B : E :: D : F$ ; then  $A : E :: C : F$ .

For  $A : E$  is compounded of  $A : B$  and  $B : E$ , and  $C : F$  is compounded of the ratio  $C : D$  and  $D : F$  which are respectively equal to the ratios  $A : B$  and  $B : E$ .

COR. 5. Addendo. If  $A : B :: A' : B' :: A'' : B''$ ;  
then  $A + A' + A'' : B + B' + B'' :: A : B$ .

This follows from Cor. 1 and Cor. 3.

*Remark.* All these derived proportions may be obtained by the following method:—

(1) If  $A$  and  $B$  are commensurable, and therefore also  $C$  and  $D$ , let them have as their numerical values  $a, b, c, d$  respectively.

Then since  $A : B :: C : D$ ,  
therefore  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$  and  $\therefore \frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{d}$ ,  
and therefore  $A : C :: B : D$ .

(2) If  $A$  and  $B$  are incommensurable, and therefore also  $C$  and  $D$ , let  $B'$  and  $D'$  be taken differing from  $B$  and  $D$  by quantities less than  $\frac{1^{\text{th}}}{n}$  of  $A$  and  $\frac{1^{\text{th}}}{n}$  of  $C$  respectively (see p. 132), so that  $A : B' :: C : D'$ .

Then by the first case  $A : C :: B' : D'$ .

And since  $B'$  and  $D'$  differ from  $B$  and  $D$  by quantities which may be made as small as we please, we infer that

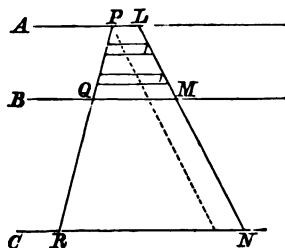
$$A : C :: B : D.$$

## SECTION I.

## APPLICATION OF PROPORTION TO LINES.

## THEOREM 4.

*If two straight lines are cut by three parallel straight lines, the segments made on the one are in the same ratio as the segments made on the other.*



Let  $A, B, C$  be the three parallels,  $PQR, LMN$  any two lines intersected by them ; then shall

$$PQ : QR :: LM : MN.$$

For if  $PQ$  be divided into any number of equal parts, and through the points of division lines be drawn parallel to  $A$  or  $B$ ,  $LM$  will be divided by those lines into the same

number of equal parts, as may be proved by the methods of Book I. And if from  $QR$  parts equal to those of  $PQ$  are cut off, and lines drawn through the points of division, parallel to  $B$  or  $C$ , it is clear that  $MN$  will contain the same number of parts each equal to those of  $LM$ , that  $QR$  contains of those of  $PQ$ ; that is,  $QR$  and  $MN$  will contain the same aliquot parts of  $PQ$  and  $LM$  the same number of times, however great the number of parts into which  $PQ$  and  $LM$  are divided.

Hence  $PQ : QR :: LM : MN$ .

COR. 1. It follows from the same reasoning that

$$PQ : PR :: LM : LN,$$

and that

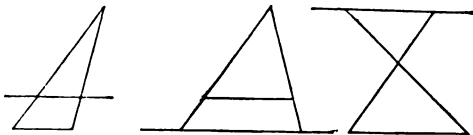
$$QR : PR :: MN : LN,$$

and that

$$PQ : LM :: QR : MN,$$

(by TH. 3. COR. 1, 2, 3).

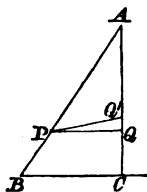
COR. 2. *If a line be drawn parallel to one side of a triangle, it will cut the other sides or the other sides produced proportionally.*



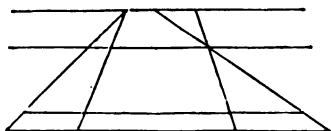
COR. 3. The converse of this corollary is true. That is if a line cuts two sides of a triangle, both internally or both externally, proportionally, the line shall be parallel to the base of the triangle.



For let  $AP : PB :: AQ : QC$ , and suppose  $PQ$  not parallel to  $BC$ , but let  $PQ'$  be parallel if possible ; then  $AP : PB :: AQ' : Q'C$ , and therefore  $AQ : QC :: AQ' : Q'C$ , which is impossible.

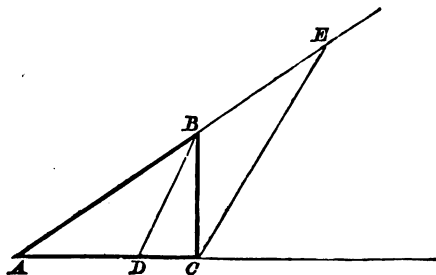


**COR. 4.** *If any number of lines be parallel and be cut by other lines, the intercepts made on the latter by the parallels will be proportionals.*



### THEOREM 5.

*If a line bisect the vertical angle of a triangle and meet the base, it will divide the base into two segments which have to one another the ratio of the sides of the triangle.*



Let  $ABC$  be a triangle,  $BD$  the bisector of the angle  $ABC$ .

Then will  $AD : DC :: AB : BC$ .

Draw  $CE$  parallel to  $BD$  to meet  $AB$  produced.

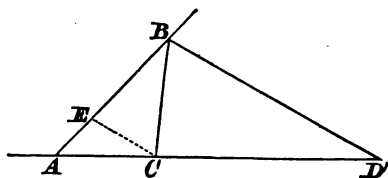
Then by parallelism the angle  $BCE =$  the angle  $DBC$ , and the angle  $BEC =$  the angle  $ABD$ . But  $ABD = DBC$ , and therefore the angle  $BCE =$  the angle  $BEC$ ; and therefore  $BE = BC$ .

But because  $AE, AC$  are cut by the parallels  $DB, CE$ ; therefore  $AD : DC :: AB : BE$ ,  
that is,  $AD : DC :: AB : BC$ .

COR. 1. Conversely, if  $AD : DC :: AB : BC$ , then  $BD$  is the bisector of the angle  $ABC$ .

For there is only one internal bisector of the angle, and only one point  $D$  which divides the base internally, so that

$$AD : DC :: AB : BC.$$



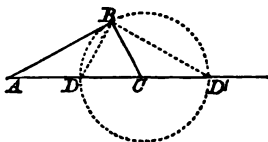
COR. 2. If  $BD'$  bisects the exterior angle,  $D'$ , then also  
 $AD' : D'C :: AB : BC$ .

Draw  $CE$  parallel to  $BD'$ , as before: and apply the same method of proof.

COR. 3. If  $AB = BC$ , then the ratio of  $AD' : D'C$  becomes  $= 1$ , which indicates that  $D'$  is at an infinite distance (by Theorem 2). Hence the external bisector of the vertical angle of an isosceles triangle is parallel to the base.

COR. 4. If  $B$  moves so that the ratio  $AB : BC$  is constant, the bisectors of the interior and exterior angles will always pass through the fixed points  $D, D'$  which divide  $AC$  internally and externally in that ratio.

COR. 5. Hence the locus of  $B$  is a circle described on  $DD'$  as diameter. For the angle  $DBD'$  is a right angle; and therefore the semicircle on  $DD'$  will always pass through  $B$ .



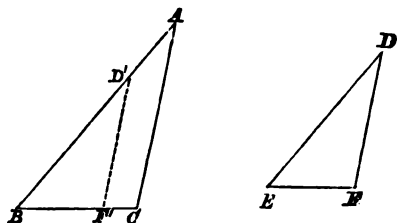
*Def.* Similar figures are such that the angles of the one are respectively equal to the angles of the other, and have the sides about the equal angles proportionals.

#### THEOREM 6.

*If two triangles have two angles of the one equal respectively to two angles of the other, the triangles shall be similar, the sides which are opposite the equal angles being homologous.*

Let  $ABC, DEF$  be the two triangles, which have two

angles of the one equal to two angles of the other, and therefore have also their remaining angles equal.



Then shall they be similar, that is

$$AB : BC :: DE : EF,$$

and

$$BC : CA :: EF : FD,$$

and

$$CA : AB :: FD : DE.$$

Conceive the angle  $E$  placed on the angle  $B$ ; then  $F$  and  $D$  would fall as  $F'$  and  $D'$  on  $BC$  and  $BA$ , or on those lines produced: and because the  $\angle F =$  the  $\angle C$ , therefore  $F'D'$  is parallel to  $CA$ ;

and therefore  $BF' : BC :: BD' : BA$ ,

and therefore  $BF' : BD' :: BC : BA$ ,

that is  $EF : ED :: BC : BA$ .

Similarly by placing  $F$  on  $C$ , and  $D$  on  $A$ , the other proportions are obtained; and therefore the triangles are similar.

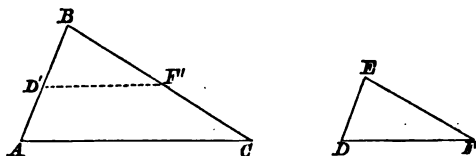
This theorem is a generalization of Theorem 15 in Book I. *If two angles and a side of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles and the corresponding side of another triangle, these triangles will be equal in all respects.*

Hence it will be observed that the equality of the angles involves the similarity of the triangles; and the additional equality of a pair of corresponding sides involves the identity of the triangles.

## THEOREM 7.

*If two triangles have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, and the sides about the equal angles proportional, then will the triangles be similar.*

Let the triangles  $ABC$ ,  $DEF$  have the angles at  $B$  and



$E$  equal, and let  $BA : BC :: ED : EF$ , then will the triangles be similar.

Conceive the angle  $E$  placed on the equal angle  $B$ , then  $D$  and  $F$  will fall as at  $D'$  and  $F'$  on the sides  $BA$ ,  $BC$ , and since  $BA : BC :: ED : EF$ ,  
therefore  $BA : BD' :: BC : BF'$ ,

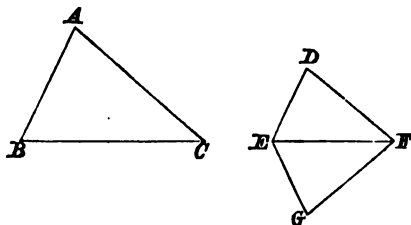
and therefore  $D'F'$  is parallel to  $AC$ , TH. 4. COR. 3.  
and the angles  $BDF'$  and  $BFD'$ , that is,  $D$  and  $F$ , are equal respectively to the angles  $A$  and  $C$ . Hence the triangles are equiangular and therefore similar.

It will be observed that this theorem is a generalization of Book I. Theorem 16. *If two sides and the included angle of one triangle are respectively equal to two sides and the included angle of another, the triangles will be equal in all respects.*

## THEOREM 8.

*If the sides about each of the angles of two triangles are proportionals, the triangles will be similar.*

Let  $ABC$ ,  $DEF$  be two triangles which have their sides



about each of their angles proportional,

that is,  $AB : BC :: DE : EF$ ,

and  $BC : CA :: EF : FD$ ,

and  $CA : AB :: FD : DE$ .

Conceive a triangle equiangular to  $ABC$  applied to  $EF$ , on the opposite side of the base  $EF$ , so that the angles  $FEG$ ,  $EFG$  are equal to  $B$  and  $C$  respectively.

Then the triangle  $GEF$  is equiangular to  $ABC$ , and therefore similar to it,

and therefore  $GE : EF :: AB : BC$ ,

but  $AB : BC :: DE : EF$ ,

and therefore  $GE : EF :: DE : EF$ ,

and therefore  $GE = ED$ .

Similarly  $GF = DF$ ,

and the triangle  $DEF$  is therefore equiangular to  $GEF$ , and therefore also to  $ABC$ .

Therefore the triangle  $DEF$  is similar to the triangle  $ABC$ .

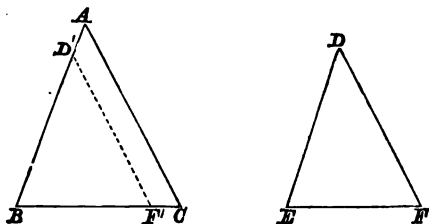
This theorem is a generalization of Book I. Theorem 18.  
*If the three sides of one triangle are respectively equal to the three sides of another, these triangles will be equal in all respects.*

### THEOREM 9.

*If two triangles have the sides about an angle of the one triangle proportional to the sides about an angle of the other, and have also the angle opposite that which is not the less of the two sides of the one equal to the corresponding angle of the other, these triangles will be similar.*

Let  $ABC$ ,  $DEF$  be the two triangles, in which

$$BA : AC :: ED : DF,$$



and let  $AC$  be not less than  $AB$ , and  $DF$  therefore not less than  $DE$ , and also let the angle  $B =$  the angle  $E$ .

Then shall the triangles be similar.

Cut off  $BD' = ED$ , and draw to  $BC$  an oblique  $D'F'$  parallel to  $AC$ .

Then by similar triangles  $BDF'$  and  $BAC$ ,

$$BD : DF' :: BA : AC,$$

that is,  $ED : DF' :: BA : AC$ ,

but  $ED : DF :: BA : AC$ ,

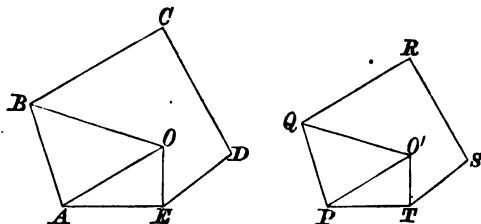
therefore  $DF = DF'$ ,

and since  $DF$  is not less than  $DE$ , the two triangles  $BDF'$ ,  $EDF$  are equal in all respects by Book I. Theorem 19, that is, the triangle  $EDF$  is equiangular to the triangle  $BDF'$ , and therefore also the triangle  $EDF$  is equiangular to  $ABC$ , and therefore similar to  $ABC$ .

This theorem is a generalization of Book I. Theorem 20.

#### THEOREM 10.

*Similar polygons can be divided into the same number of similar triangles.*



Let  $ABCDE$ ,  $PQRST$  be similar polygons, that is, let the angles  $A, B, C \dots$  of the one equal the angles  $P, Q, R \dots$  of the other respectively, and let the sides which contain the equal angles be proportional.



Then the triangles  $CAD$ ,  $BAC$  have two angles  $CAD$  and  $CDA$  of the one equal respectively to  $BAC$ ,  $BCA$  of the other; therefore they are equiangular, and similar.

In the same manner  $DCB$  is equiangular and similar to either  $DAC$  or  $CAB$ .

COR.  $AD : DC :: DC : DB$ ,

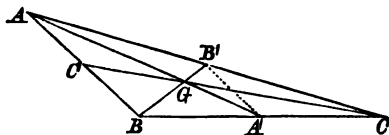
*or the perpendicular from the right angle of a right-angled triangle on the hypotenuse is a mean proportional between the segments of the base.*

Also  $BA : AC :: AC : AD$ ,

and  $AB : BC :: BC : BD$ ,

*or the side of a right-angled triangle is a mean proportional between the hypotenuse and the projection on it of that side.*

EX. 2. *The three lines drawn from the angular points of a triangle to bisect the opposite sides will intersect in one point.*



Let  $ABC$  be the triangle,  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  the middle points of its sides. Then  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  will pass through one point,

Join  $B'A'$ . Then since  $CA, CB$  are bisected in  $B', A'$ ,

$$\therefore CB' : B'A :: CA' : A'B,$$

and therefore  $B'A'$  is parallel to  $AB$ ,

and because the triangles  $CAB, CB'A'$  are similar,

therefore  $AB : B'A' :: AC : B'C$ ;

but  $AC = 2B'C$ ; and therefore  $AB = 2B'A'$ .

Now let  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  cut in  $G$ .

Then the triangles  $GAB, GA'B'$  are equiangular,

and therefore  $AG : GA' :: AB : B'A'$ ;

but  $AB = 2B'A'$ , and therefore  $AG = 2GA'$ ,

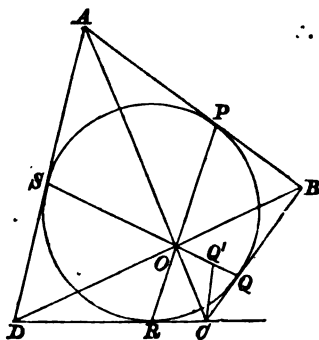
or  $GA' = \frac{1}{2}AA'$ .

In the same manner it may be shewn that  $CC'$  cuts  $AA'$  at a point distant  $\frac{1}{3}AA'$  from  $A'$ ; that is,  $CC'$  passes through  $G$  the intersection of  $AA'$  and  $BB'$ .

*Ex. 3. If a quadrilateral figure be described about a circle, and the points of contact of opposite sides be joined, prove that these lines and the diagonals of the quadrilateral figure all intersect in one point.*

Let  $ABCD$  circumscribe the circle,  $P, Q, R, S$  being the points of contact. Let  $AC$  cut  $SQ$  in  $O$ , draw  $CQ'$  parallel to  $AS$ .

Since  $SQ$  is the chord of contact of the tangents  $AS, BQ$ , the angle  $ASO =$  the angle  $BQO$ .



Therefore  $CQO$  is supplementary to  $ASO$ , or  $OQ'C$ ,  
and therefore  $CQO = CQ'Q$ , and  $CQ = CQ'$ .

But from the triangles  $ASO$ ,  $COQ'$ , which are similar,  
we get

$$AO : CO :: AS : CQ' \text{ or } AS : CQ.$$

Similarly, if  $PR$  intersected  $AC$  in  $O'$ ,  $AO' : CO' :: AP : CR$ ;  
but  $AP : CR :: AS : CQ$ , and therefore  $AO : CO :: AO' : CO'$ ,  
therefore  $SQ$  and  $PR$  divide  $AC$  in the same ratio, or  $O$  and  
 $O'$  are the same points. Hence  $AC$  passes through the  
intersection of  $SQ$  and  $PR$ .

Similarly  $BD$  passes through the intersection of  $SQ$  and  
 $PR$ ;

therefore the four lines  $AC$ ,  $BD$ ,  $PR$ ,  $SQ$  pass through one  
point.

## SECTION II.

## AREAS.

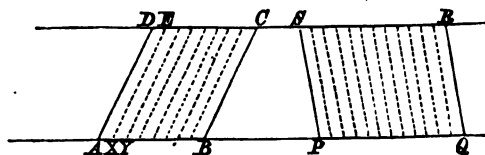
We have seen how *lines* are represented by *numbers*; a line being known when it contains a known unit a known number of times. We now proceed to the consideration of *areas* and their numerical representation.

The fundamental theorem is the following :

## THEOREM II.

*Parallelograms of the same altitude are to one another as their bases.*

Let  $ABCD$ ,  $PQRS$  be parallelograms of the same alti-



tude on the bases  $AB$ ,  $PQ$ .

Then shall  $DABC$  be to  $SPQR$  as  $AB$  to  $PQ$ .

Divide  $AB$  into any number of parts  $AX, XY...$  and from  $PQ$  cut off parts equal to the parts of  $AB$ ; and through  $X, Y...$  the points of section let lines be drawn parallel to the sides of the parallelogram.

Then the parallelograms  $DX, EY...$  into which  $DABC$  is divided are all equal to one another, and equal to those cut off from the parallelogram  $SPQR$ , since they are on equal bases and of the same altitude; and therefore  $DX$  is the same aliquot part of  $DABC$  that  $AX$  is of  $AB$ .

Hence the parallelogram  $SPQR$  contains any aliquot part of  $DABC$  as many times as  $PQ$  contains the same aliquot part of  $AB$ , into however many parts  $AB$  and  $DB$  are divided.

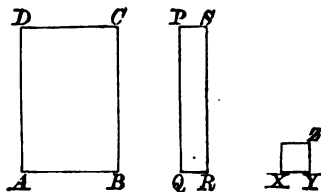
Therefore  $AB : PQ :: DABC : SPQR$ .

COR. 1. *Triangles of the same altitude are to one another as their bases.*

For a triangle is half the parallelogram on the same base and having the same altitude as the triangle.

COR. 2. *If the unit of area be the square on the unit of length, then will the numerical value of a rectangle be the product of the numerical values of its base and altitude.*

For let  $ABCD$  be a rectangle,  $XY$  the unit of length,



and  $XZ$  the square on  $XY$  the unit of area. And let  $AB$  contain  $XY$   $m$  times, and  $AD$  contain it  $n$  times.

Then will the numerical value of  $ABCD$  be  $mn$ .

For construct a rectangle  $PQRS$  on a base equal to  $XY$ , and with altitude equal to  $AD$ .

Then  $DABC : PQRS :: AB : QR$ ,

$$:: m : 1,$$

that is,

$$DABC = m \cdot PQRS,$$

and

$$PQRS : ZX :: PQ : XY,$$

$$:: n : 1,$$

that is,

$$PQRS = n \cdot ZX;$$

and therefore.

$$DABC = mn \cdot ZX,$$

that is, if  $ZX$  is the unit, the numerical value of  $DABC$  will be  $mn$ .

This is generally expressed by saying that the area of a rectangle is the product of its base and altitude.

*Remark.* If the rectangle is a square, whose side is  $m$ , the area will be  $m^2$ : hence if  $AB$  is a line, or its numerical value,  $AB^2$  represents either the geometrical square on the line, or the arithmetical square of the number which is the value of  $AB$ . And the rectangle contained by  $AB$  and  $CD$  may be written  $AB \times CD$ ; for the product of the numbers  $AB$  and  $CD$  is the number which represents the rectangle, on the understanding that the unit of area is the square of the unit of length.

**COR. 3.** *The area of any parallelogram is the product of its base into its altitude.*

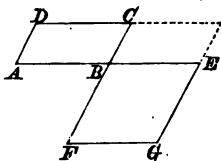
COR. 4. *The area of any triangle is half the product of its base and its altitude.*

COR. 5. *Hence the area of any rectilineal figure can be found by dividing it into triangles, and finding the areas of the triangles.*

### THEOREM 12.

*Equiangular parallelograms have to one another the ratio compounded of the ratios of their sides.*

Let  $ABCD$ ,  $EBFG$  be the parallelograms, and let them be placed so as to have  $AB$ ,  $BE$  in one straight line, and therefore also, since the parallelograms are equiangular, so as to have  $CB$ ,  $BF$  in one straight line.



Complete the parallelogram  $CBE$ .

Then the ratio of  $DB : BG$  is compounded of the ratios of  $DB : CE$  and of  $CE$  to  $BG$ .

But  $DB : CE :: AB : BE$ ,

and  $CE : BG :: CB : BF$ ;

therefore, the ratio of  $DB : BG$  is compounded of the ratios  $AB : BE$  and  $CB : BF$ .

COR. 1. *Triangles which have one angle of the one equal to one angle of the other, are to one another in the ratio compounded of the ratios of the sides containing that angle.*

COR. 2. *Equal parallelograms which are also equiangular, have their sides reciprocally proportional.*

For, in the figure above, the ratio compounded of the ratio  $AB : BE$  and  $CB : BF$  must be unity; and therefore  $AB : BE :: BF : CB$ , or the sides of the parallelograms are reciprocally proportional.

COR. 3. *Conversely, equiangular parallelograms which have their sides reciprocally proportional, are equal.*

COR. 4. *Hence, if four straight lines be proportionals, the rectangle contained by the extremes is equal to the rectangle contained by the means, and conversely.*

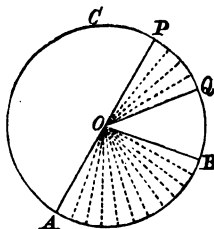
COR. 5. *If three straight lines are in continued proportion, that is, if the first is to the second, as the second to the third, then will the rectangle contained by the extremes be equal to the square on the mean, and conversely.*

COR. 6. *The ratio of two parallelograms or two triangles is the ratio compounded of the ratios of their bases and altitudes.*

### THEOREM 13.

*In any circle angles at the centre have to one another the ratio of the arcs on which they stand, or of the sectors which they include.*

Let  $ABC$  be a circle, of which  $O$  is the centre.





And let  $AOB$ ,  $POQ$  be two angles at the centre.

Then  $\angle AOB : \angle POQ :: \text{arc } AB : \text{arc } PQ$ ,  
 $:: \text{sector } AOB : \text{sector } POQ$ .

Divide the arc  $AB$  into any number of equal parts, and from the arc  $PQ$  cut off arcs equal to these. Join the points of division to  $O$ .

Then, since equal arcs subtend equal angles at the centre, the arc  $AB$ , and the angle  $AOB$ , are divided into the same number of parts.

And therefore  $POQ$  contains an aliquot part of  $AOB$  the same number of times that  $PQ$  contains the same aliquot part of  $AB$ , into however many parts  $AB$  and  $AOB$  are divided; therefore

$$\angle AOB : \angle POQ :: \text{arc } AB : \text{arc } PQ.$$

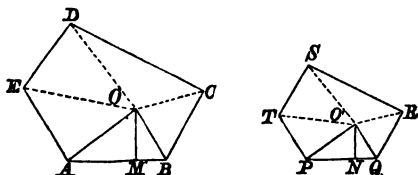
In precisely the same manner, since equal angles contain equal sectors, it may be shewn that

$$\angle AOB : \angle POQ :: \text{sector } AOB : \text{sector } POQ.$$

#### THEOREM 14.

*Similar polygons are to one another in the ratio of the squares of their homologous sides.*

Let  $ABCDE$ ,  $PQRST$  be similar polygons.



Divide each of them into the same number of similar triangles by lines drawn from the points  $O, O'$ .

Let  $OAB, O'PQ$  be two similar triangles.

Draw  $OM, O'N$  perpendicular to  $AB, PQ$ .

$$\text{Now } \frac{OAB}{O'PQ} = \frac{AB \times OM}{PQ \times O'N} = \frac{AB}{PQ} \times \frac{OM}{O'N};$$

but by similar triangles  $OAM, O'PN$  and  $OAB, O'PQ$  we have

$$\frac{OM}{O'N} = \frac{OA}{O'P} = \frac{AB}{PQ}.$$

Therefore, substituting  $\frac{AB}{PQ}$  for  $\frac{OM}{O'N}$  above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{OAB}{O'PQ} &= \frac{AB}{PQ} \times \frac{AB}{PQ} \\ &= \frac{AB^2}{PQ^2}. \end{aligned}$$

In the same manner it may be shewn that

$$\frac{OAE}{O'PT} = \frac{AE^2}{TP^2} = \frac{AB^2}{PQ^2},$$

since the polygons are similar, and therefore  $\frac{AE}{TP} = \frac{AB}{PQ}$ ; and similarly for the other triangles;

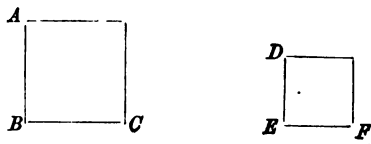
$$\therefore \frac{OAB}{O'PQ} = \frac{OAE}{O'PT} = \dots = \frac{AB^2}{PQ^2}.$$

Therefore the sum of  $OAB, OAE \dots$  is to the sum of  $O'PQ, O'PT \dots$  as  $AB^2 : PQ^2$ ; that is, the polygons are to one another as the squares of their homologous sides.

**COR. 1.** Hence the polygons are to one another as the squares of any homologous lines in them.

The polygons are said to be *similarly described* on their homologous sides.

COR. 2. It follows from (Theorem 12) that *the ratio of the squares on two lines is the duplicate ratio of the lines*. For if  $ABC$ ,  $DEF$  are squares, then  $AC : DF$  is the ratio



compounded of the ratios  $AB : DE$  and  $BC : EF$ , that is, of  $BC : EF$ , and  $BC : EF$ ; which is defined to be the duplicate ratio of  $BC : EF$ .

Moreover, if three straight lines are in continued proportion, the 1st : 3rd in the duplicate ratio of the 1st : 2nd.

COR. 3. *Therefore further if three straight lines be in continued proportion, the 1st : 3rd as any polygon described on the 1st : the similar and similarly described polygon on the 2nd.*

#### RELATION OF ALGEBRA TO GEOMETRY.

We now begin to see how algebra and arithmetic may assist Geometry. For example, we have learnt in algebra that  $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$ . Now suppose  $a$  and  $b$  to be *the numerical values of two lines*, then  $a + b$  is the numerical value of the sum of the line,  $a - b$  is that of their difference.

And therefore  $(a + b)(a - b)$  is the numerical value of the rectangle contained by the sum and difference of the two lines.

And  $a^2 - b^2$  is the difference of the numerical values of the squares on the two lines. Hence the algebraical identity  $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$  proves the geometrical fact, (which indeed we have learnt before) that the difference of the squares of two lines is equal to the rectangle contained by the sum and difference of those lines.

So again  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$  has a geometrical signification which the student should work out for himself in the same manner.

It will be useful for him to work out the geometrical meaning (with figures) of the following identities :

$$(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2,$$

$$a(a + b) = a^2 + ab,$$

$$(a + b)^2 = a(a + b) + b(a + b),$$

$$(a + b)^2 + (a - b)^2 = 2a^2 + 2b^2,$$

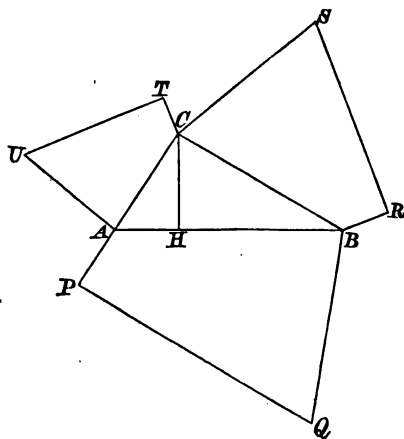
$$(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2ac + 2bc.$$

The following theorems are useful deductions from the preceding.

## EXAMPLES.

(1) *In any right-angled triangle any figure described on the hypotenuse is equal to the similar and similarly described figures on the two sides.*

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle right-angled at  $C$ ; and let



$APQB$ ,  $BRSC$ ,  $CTUA$  be similar figures similarly described on the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , that is, figures of which  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$  are homologous sides.

Then will  $APQB = BRSC + CTUA$ .

Draw  $CH$  perpendicular to  $AB$ .

Then  $AB : BC :: BC : BH$  by similar triangles, and therefore

$APQB : BRSC :: AB : BH$  (Theorem 14, Cor. 3), in the same manner it may be shewn that

$$APQB : CTUA :: AB : AH,$$

and therefore

$$APQB : BRSC + CTUA :: AB : BH + AH;$$

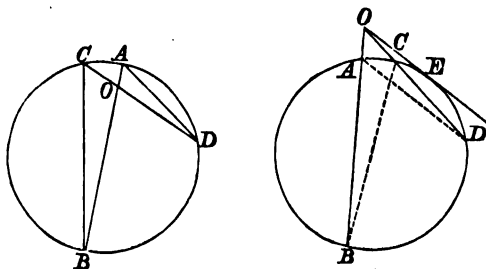
but

$$AB = BH + AH;$$

and therefore  $APQB = QRSC + CTUA$ .

It is obvious that a special case of this theorem is the theorem proved before, that the square on the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares on the sides.

(2) *If through any point O within or without a circle, chords are drawn, the rectangle contained by the segments of the one is equal to the rectangle contained by the segments of the other.*



Let  $AOB, COD$  be the chords through  $O$ . Then is  $AO \times OB = CO \times OD$ .

For join  $CB, AD$ . Then since the angle  $D =$  angle  $B$  in the same segment, and the angle at  $O$  common to the two triangles  $AOD, BOC$ , the triangles are equiangular and similar,

$$\therefore AO : OD :: CO : OB,$$

$$\therefore AO \times OB = CO \times OD.$$

**COR.** If one of the secants  $OCD$ , in figure 2, became a tangent, as  $OE$ , then  $OC$  and  $OD$  are equal to  $OE$ ; and therefore  $AO : OE :: OE : OB$ , and  $OE^2 = AO \times OB$ , or *the square on the tangent to a circle from any point is equal to the rectangle contained by the intercepts on the secant drawn from that point.*

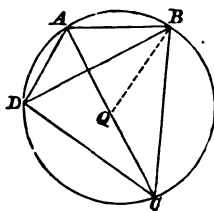
(3) *In a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle the rectangle contained by the diagonals is equal to the sum of the rectangles contained by the opposite sides.*

Let  $ABCD$  be the quadrilateral inscribed in a circle. Then will

$$AC \times BD = AB \times DC + AD \times BC.$$

At the point  $B$  make the angle  $CBQ$  equal to the angle  $ABD$ .

Then in the triangles  $ABD$ ,  $QBC$ , since the angle  $QBC =$  the angle  $ABD$ , and the angle  $ADB =$  the angle  $QCB$ , therefore the triangles are similar; and therefore  $AD : DB :: QC : BC$ , and therefore  $AD \times BC = DB \times QC$ .



In the same manner, since the triangles  $ABQ$ ,  $DBC$  are similar,  $AB : QA :: DB : DC$ , and therefore

$$AB \times DC = DB \times QA.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } AD \times BC + AB \times DC &= DB \times QC + DB \times QA \\ &= DB \times AC. \end{aligned}$$

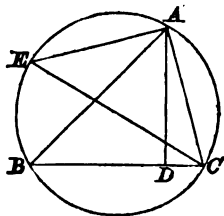
This is known as Ptolemy's theorem.

(4) *In every triangle  $ABC$ , the rectangle contained by the two sides  $AB$ ,  $AC$  is equal to the rectangle contained by the diameter  $CE$  of the circumscribing circle, and the perpendicular  $AD$ , let fall on  $BC$ .*

For the triangles  $ADB$ ,  $CAE$  have the angles  $ABD = CEA$  and  $ADB = CAE$ ; therefore they are similar, and therefore

$$AB : AD :: CE : AC,$$

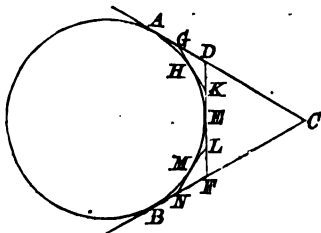
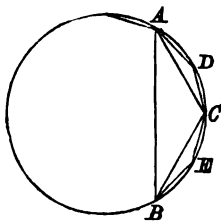
$$\therefore AB \times AC = AD \times CE.$$



### THEOREM 15.

*Circumferences of circles have to one another the ratio of their radii.*

The circumference of a circle is always greater than the perimeter of a polygon inscribed in it, less than that of a polygon circumscribed about it; and each polygon may be brought perpetually nearer to the circle by increasing the number of its sides, and ultimately the two polygons and the circle will coincide.

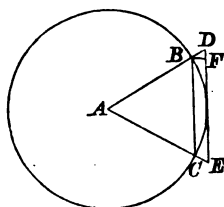


Thus in the left-hand figure the chord  $AB$  is less than  $AC$ ,  $CB$ ; and these are less than  $AD$ ,  $DC$ ,  $CE$ ,  $FB$ ; and these again, though more nearly coinciding with the arc  $AB$ , are less than that arc. Again,  $AC$ ,  $CB$  in the right-



hand figure are greater than  $AD$ ,  $DF$ ,  $FB$ , and these again greater than  $AG$ ,  $GK$ ,  $KL$ ,  $LN$ ,  $NB$ , and these last, though more nearly coinciding with the arc  $AB$ , are greater than that arc.

Further, if we have two similar and regular polygons described inside and outside a circle, the difference between their perimeters may be as small as we please.



For if  $BC$ ,  $DE$  be homologous sides of two such polygons, the difference between them will be  $DF$ , if  $BF$  be drawn parallel to  $AC$ . And we shall have

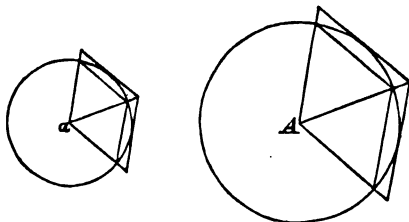
$$DF : DE :: DB : DA.$$

And this being true of all the sides is true of their sum, and therefore difference of perimeters : outer perimeter ::  $DB : DA$ .

Now  $DB : DA$  may be made as small as we please, therefore the ratio of the difference of the perimeters to the outer perimeter may be made as small as we please; that is, since the outer perimeter does not increase but diminish at the same time, we may make the difference of perimeters as small as we please.

Now let  $c$ ,  $C$  be the circumferences of two circles;  $r$ ,  $R$  their radii;  $i$ ,  $I$  the perimeters of two regular inscribed polygons, similar to each other;  $o$ ,  $O$  the perimeters of two

regular circumscribed polygons, similar to each other and to the inscribed;



Then since the triangles in all the polygons are similar we shall have

$$r : R :: i : I,$$

and

$$r : R :: o : O.$$

Now let

$$r : R :: c : C'.$$

Then

$$i : I :: c : C',$$

and since  $c$  is greater than  $i$ ,  $C'$  is greater than  $I$ ,

so  $o : O :: c : C'$ , and since  $C$  is less than  $O$  therefore  $C'$  is less than  $O$ .

Therefore  $C'$  lies between  $I$  and  $O$ .

Now if  $C'$  differed from  $C$  by ever so small a quantity, we might have the difference between  $I$  and  $O$  still less, and then  $C$  would no longer lie between  $I$  and  $O$ , which is impossible.

So  $C'$  does not differ from  $C$ , and we have

$$r : R :: c : C.$$

COR. Let  $a, A$  be the areas of the circles;

$$\therefore a : A :: rc : RC, \text{ (II. 14)}$$

$$:: r^2 : R^2,$$

that is, circles have to each other the ratio of the squares of their radii.

## SECTION III.

## PROBLEMS.

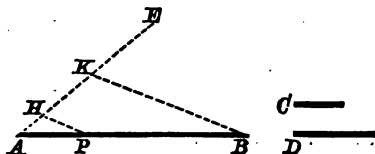
## PROBLEM I.

*To divide a given straight line into two parts which shall be in a given ratio.*

*Note.* By a *given ratio* is meant the ratio of two given lines, or of two given numbers: and since two lines can always be found which have the ratio of two given numbers, it follows that a given ratio can always be represented by the ratio of two given lines.

Let  $AB$  be the given line,  $C$  and  $D$  the lines which have the given ratio; then it is required to divide  $AB$  into two parts, which have to one another the ratio of  $C : D$ .

*Construction.* From  $A$  draw a line  $AE$  making any angle with  $AB$ , and cut off parts  $AH$ ,  $HK$  equal to  $C$  and



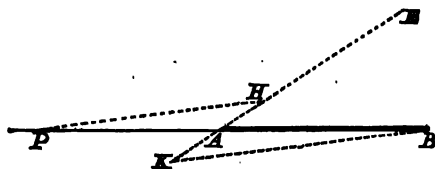
$D$  respectively. Join  $KB$ , and draw  $HP$  parallel to  $KB$ .  $P$  will be the point of division required.

*Proof.* For since  $HP$  is parallel to  $KB$ ,  
 therefore  $AP : PB :: AH : HK$  ;  
 but  $AH = C$  ; and  $HK = D$  ;  
 therefore  $AP : PB :: C : D$ ,  
 that is,  $AB$  is divided into two parts which are to one another in the given ratio.

**COR. 1.** *In the same manner a line may be divided into any number of parts which have to one another given ratios.*

**COR. 2.** *Hence a line may be divided into any number of equal parts, the given ratios being all ratios of equality.*

*Note.* This construction divides the line *internally* into parts which have the given ratio. If it is required to divide



it *externally*,  $HK$  must be measured in the opposite direction along  $AE$ , as in the figure.

The proof will be the same as before.

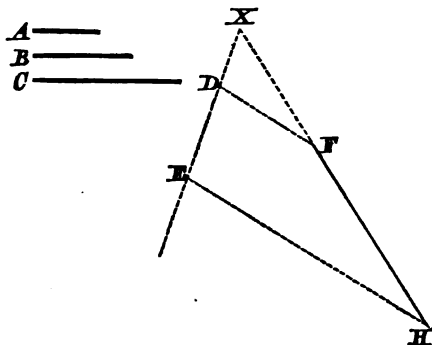
#### PROBLEM 2.

*To find a fourth proportional to three given straight lines.*

Let  $A, B, C$  be the given straight lines to which it is required to find a fourth proportional.

*Construction.* Take any angle  $X$ , and on one of its arms take  $XD, DE$  equal to  $A, B$  respectively : and on the other

arm take  $XF$  equal to  $C$ . Join  $DF$ , and draw  $EH$  parallel to  $DF$ , to meet  $XF$  produced in  $H$ .



Then shall  $FH$  be the line required.

*Proof.* For since  $DF$  is parallel to  $EH$ ,

$$XD : DE :: XF : FH,$$

but  $XD$ ,  $DE$ , and  $XF$  are equal to  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  respectively; therefore

$$A : B :: C : FH;$$

that is,  $FH$  is the fourth proportional required.

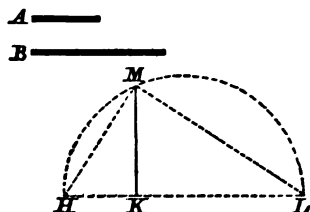
*COR.* Hence a third proportional to two given straight lines can be found, by taking  $C = B$ .

### PROBLEM 3.

*To find a mean proportional between two given straight lines.*

Let  $A$ ,  $B$  be the given straight lines: it is required to find a mean proportional between  $A$  and  $B$ .

*Construction.* Take  $HK$ ,  $KL$  in the same straight line, equal to  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. On  $HK$  describe a semi-



circle, and draw  $KM$  perpendicular to  $HL$  to meet the circumference in  $N$ .  $KM$  is the line required.

*Proof.* Join  $HM$ ,  $ML$ . Then since  $HML$  is a semi-circle,  $HML$  is a right angle; therefore  $MK$ , the perpendicular from the right angle on the hypotenuse, is a mean proportional between the segments of the base; that is,  $MK$  is a mean proportional between  $HK$  and  $KL$ , or between  $A$  and  $B$ .

#### PROBLEM 4.

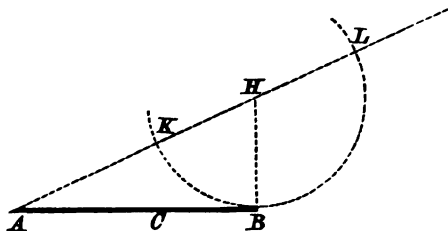
*To divide a straight line in extreme and mean ratio.*

A line  $AB$  is said to be divided in extreme and mean ratio in  $C$ , when

$$AB : AC :: AC : CB.$$

Let  $AB$  be the given straight line, which it is required to divide in extreme and mean ratio.

*Construction.* From  $B$  draw  $BH$  perpendicular to  $AB$ , and equal to half  $AB$ . Join  $AH$ . With centre  $H$ , and



radius  $HB$  describe a circle cutting  $AH$  and  $AH$  produced in  $K$  and  $L$ ; and cut off from  $AB$  a part  $AC = AK$ .

$C$  shall be the point required.

*Proof.* Since  $HB$  is at right angles to  $AB$ ,  $AB$  is a tangent to the circle  $KBL$ .

Therefore  $AL : AB :: AB : AK$ .

Therefore

$$AB : AL - AB :: AK : AB - AK \text{ (III. 3, Cor. 3).}$$

But since  $AB = 2HB = KL$ , and  $AK = AC$ ,

we have  $AL - AB = AK = AC$ ,

and  $AB - AK = BC$ ;

therefore  $AB : AC :: AC : BC$ .

This problem is solved as an exercise in Book I. Section VI.

#### ALGEBRAICAL SOLUTION.

*Remark.* It is instructive to compare this with the algebraical solution. Let the given line  $AB = a$ , that is, contain  $a$  units of length: and let  $AC$  the portion required, which is at present unknown,  $= x$ .

Then by the conditions  $a : x :: x : a - x$ ,  
that is,  $a(a - x) = x^2$ .

But this is a quadratic equation in  $x$ , solving which we obtain

$$x = \frac{\pm \sqrt{5} - 1}{2} \cdot a.$$

And the geometrical construction is the expression of the operations here represented. For if  $AB = a$ ,  $HB = \frac{1}{2}a$ , and

$$AH^2 = AB^2 + HB^2 = a^2 + \frac{1}{4}a^2 = \frac{5}{4}a^2; \text{ and } AH = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a; \text{ and}$$

$$HK = \frac{1}{2}a; \text{ and therefore } AK = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a - \frac{1}{2}a = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}a.$$

$$\text{Therefore } AC = x = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}a.$$

The negative sign before the radical corresponds to the solution of a problem more general than the geometrical problem as stated above, and the consideration of it must be deferred.

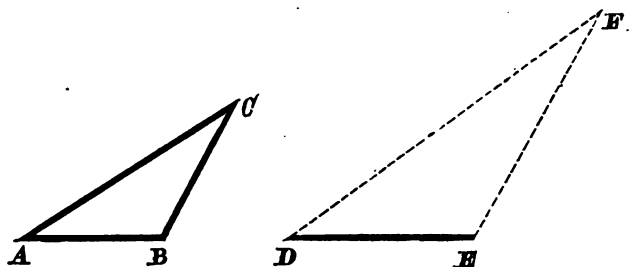
#### PROBLEM 5.

*To construct a triangle similar to a given triangle, on a straight line which is to be homologous to a given side of the triangle.*

Let  $ABC$  be the given triangle,  $DE$  the given straight line which is to be homologous to  $AB$ .

*Construction.* At  $D$  and  $E$  draw lines making with  $DE$  angles equal to the angles  $A$  and  $B$ , and let these lines meet in  $F$ . Then  $DEF$  is the triangle required.





*Proof.* For the triangle  $DEF$  is by construction equiangular to the triangle  $ABC$ , and therefore it is similar to it.

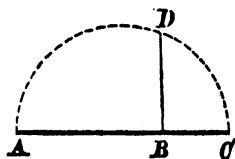
*COR.* Hence a polygon can be constructed similar to any given polygon, on a straight line which is to be homologous to a given side of the polygon.

For the given polygon can be divided into triangles.

#### PROBLEM 6.

*To make a square which shall be to a given square in a given ratio.*

Let  $AB$  be the side of the given square,  $AB : BC$  in the given ratio.



*Construction.* On  $AC$  describe a semicircle, and draw  $BD$  perpendicular to  $AC$ , to meet the semicircle in  $D$ .  $BD$  is the side of the square required.

*Proof.* Since  $AB : BD :: BD : BC$ ,  
 therefore  $AB^2 : BD^2 :: AB : BC$ ,  
 that is  $AB^2 : BD^2$  in the given ratio.

*COR.* The same construction and proof are applicable to any polygon.

For similar polygons are to one another as the squares on their homologous sides.

#### PROBLEM 7.

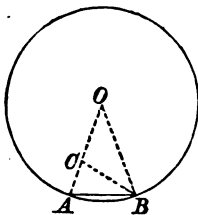
*To inscribe a regular decagon in a given circle.*

We shall solve this by the method of analysis and synthesis.

*Analysis.* The radii to two consecutive angular points must include an angle equal to  $\frac{1}{10}$  th of 4 right angles, or to  $\frac{1}{5}$  th of 2 right angles. That is, if  $OA, OB$  are such radii, the angle at  $O$  must be  $\frac{1}{5}$  th of two right angles, and therefore the angles at  $A$  and  $B$  must each be  $\frac{2}{5}$  ths of 2 right angles, since the three angles are together equal to 2 right angles.

Bisect the angle  $OBA$  by the line  $BC$ . Then  $OBC$  and  $CBA$  each are equal to  $AOB$ ; and therefore  $CB=CO$ ,

and  $\angle BCA$  is double of  $\angle COB$ , and therefore  $\angle BCA = \angle BAC$ ; therefore  $AB = BC = CO$ .



But since  $\angle OBA$  is bisected by  $BC$

$$OB : AB :: OC : CA ;$$

therefore  $OA : OC :: OC : CA$ ,

or  $OA$  is divided in extreme and mean ratio in  $C$ .

Hence the construction follows.

*Synthesis.* Take  $OA$  any radius of the circle ; divide it in extreme and mean ratio in  $C$  so that

$$OA : OC :: OC : CA.$$

Place  $AB$  as a chord of the circle equal to  $OC$ . Join  $BO$ ,  $CA$ .

Then  $AB$  is a side of a decagon inscribed in the circle.

*Proof.* For since  $OA : OC :: OC : CA$ ,

and  $OA = OB$ , and  $OC = AB$ ;

therefore  $OB : BA :: OC : CA$ ;

and therefore  $CB$  bisects the angle  $OBA$ ; and the angle  $OBA$  is double of  $ABC$ .

And again since the triangles  $OAB$ ,  $BAC$  have the angle at  $A$  common, and have the sides about the common angle proportionals, viz.  $OA : AB :: AB : AC$ ;

Therefore these triangles are similar and equiangular ; therefore the angle  $ABC$  is equal to the angle  $AOB$ .

But  $OBA$  is double of  $ABC$ , and therefore each of the angles  $OBA$ ,  $OAB$  is double of  $AOB$ .

But the three angles  $OBA$ ,  $OAB$ ,  $AOB$  together equal 2 right angles ; therefore  $OAB = \frac{1}{5}$  th of 2 right angles, or  $\frac{1}{10}$  th of 4 right angles.

Hence ten chords equal to  $AB$  could be placed round the circumference of the circle, and thus a regular decagon would be inscribed.

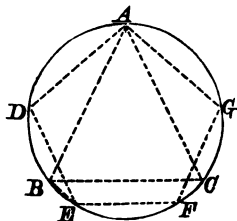
COR. 1. *Hence a regular pentagon may be inscribed in a circle by joining the alternate angular points of an inscribed decagon.*

COR. 2. *Hence regular polygons of 20, 40, 80 sides can be constructed.*

#### PROBLEM 8.

*To inscribe a regular quindecagon in a given circle.*

Let  $ABC$  be the given circle, in which it is required to inscribe a regular quindecagon.



*Construction.* Inscribe an equilateral triangle  $ABC$ , and a regular pentagon  $ADEFG$ , having one angular point  $A$  common.

Join  $BE$ , and place chords equal to  $BE$  round the circumference of the circle: they will form an inscribed quindecagon.

*Proof.* For  $AE$  is  $\frac{2}{5}$  ths of the circumference, and  $AB$  is  $\frac{1}{3}$  rd of the circumference; therefore  $BE$  is  $\frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{15}$  th of the circumference, and therefore 15 chords equal to  $BE$  can be placed round the circumference of the circle, and will form a regular quindecagon.

*COR.* Hence regular polygons of 30, 60, 120 &c. sides can be constructed.

Regular polygons can therefore be constructed when the number of their sides is 3, 4, 5, or 15, or these numbers multiplied by any power of 2. And besides these no other regular polygons can be constructed by the use of the ruler and compasses only, with the remarkable exception discovered by Gauss; who shewed that a polygon of  $2^n + 1$  sides can be described by the ruler and compasses alone, when  $n$  is such that  $2^n + 1$  is a prime number. If  $n$  has the values 1, 2, 3 ... in succession,  $2^n + 1$  takes the values 3, 5, 9, 17, 33, 65, 129, 257 ... of which 3, 5, 17, 257 are primes. Hence Gauss has shewn that regular polygons of 17 and 257 sides can be constructed by the use of the ruler and compasses; but the construction and proof, even for the first of these, are far too tedious to be given in an elementary work.

MISCELLANEOUS THEOREMS AND PROBLEMS.

1. The bisector of an angle of an equilateral triangle, passes through one of the points of trisection of the perpendicular from either of the other angles on the opposite side.

2. The bisectors of the angles of a triangle intersect in one point.

3.  $ABC$ ,  $PQR$  are two parallel lines such that

$$AB : BC :: PQ : QR,$$

prove that  $AP$ ,  $BQ$ ,  $CR$  are either parallel or meet in one point.

4. The external bisector of the vertical angle of an isosceles triangle is parallel to the base.

5. The line joining the middle points of the sides of a triangle is parallel to the base, and is equal to half the base.

6. The triangle formed by joining the middle points of the sides of a triangle is similar to the original triangle, and has one fourth of its area.

7. The lines that join the middle points of adjacent sides of a quadrilateral form a parallelogram. Under what circumstances will it be a rhombus, a square, or a rectangle?

8.  $CAB$  is a triangle, and in  $AC$  a point  $A'$  is taken, and  $BB'$  is cut off from  $CB$  produced, so that  $AA' = BB'$ . Prove that  $A'B'$  is cut by  $AB$  into parts which have to one another the ratio  $CB : CA$ .

9. To inscribe a square in a triangle.
10. If two triangles are on equal bases between the same parallels any straight line parallel to their bases will cut off equivalent areas from the two triangles.
11. Make an equilateral triangle equivalent to a given square.
12. Find a point  $O$  within the triangle  $ABC$ , such that  $OAB$ ,  $OAC$ ,  $OBC$  shall be equivalent triangles.
13. The angle  $A$  of a triangle  $ABC$  is bisected by a line that meets the base in  $D$ :  $BC$  is bisected in  $O$ . Prove that  $OB : OD :: AB + AC : AB - AC$ .
14. Given the base, vertical angle, and ratio of the sides, construct the triangle.
15. Perpendiculars are drawn from any point within an equilateral triangle on the three sides; shew that their sum is invariable.
16. Deduce from Ptolemy's Theorem that if  $P$  is any point in the circumference of the circle circumscribing an equilateral triangle  $ABC$ , of the three lines  $PA$ ,  $PB$ ,  $PC$  one is equal to the sum of the other two.
17. From any point in the base of a triangle lines are drawn parallel to the two sides. Find the locus of the intersection of the diagonals of the parallelograms so formed.
18. Let  $P$ ,  $Q$  be points in  $AB$ , and  $AB$  produced, so that  $AP : PB :: AQ : QB$ ; through  $B$  draw a perpendicular to  $AB$  to meet the semicircle on  $PQ$  in  $M$ : prove that  $AM$  touches the circle at  $M$ .

19.  $AB$  is a given line, and  $CD$  a given length on a line parallel to  $AB$ , and  $AC, BD$  intersect in  $O$ ; prove that as  $CD$  varies in position, the locus of  $O$  is a line parallel to  $AB$ .

20.  $AB$  is a diameter of a circle of which  $AEF, BEG$  are chords.  $CED$  is drawn through  $E$  at right angles to  $AB$ : prove that  $CFDG$  is a quadrilateral such that the ratio of any pair of its adjacent sides is equal to the ratio of the other pair.

21. Divide a given arc of a circle into two parts which have their chords in a given ratio to one another.

22. If in two similar triangles lines are drawn from two of the equal angles to make equal angles with the homologous sides, these lines shall have to one another the same ratio as the sides of the triangle.

23. To make a rectilineal figure similar to a given rectilineal figure, and having a given ratio to it.

24. To find two straight lines which shall have the same ratio as two given rectangles.

25. To describe on a given straight line a rectangle equal to a given rectangle.

26. To make an isosceles triangle, with a given vertical angle, equal to a given triangle.

27. In a quadrilateral figure which cannot be inscribed in a circle the rectangle contained by the diagonals is less than the sum of the rectangles contained by the opposite sides.



28. In any triangle  $ABC$  the rectangle  $AB \times AC$  is equal to the rectangle contained by the diameter of the circle circumscribing the triangle, and the perpendicular from  $A$  on  $BC$ .

29. Hence shew that if  $A$  be the area of a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  the diameter of the circumscribing circle,

$$A \times D = \frac{1}{2} AB \times BC \times CA.$$

30. Construct a rectangle equal to a given square, and having the sum of its adjacent sides equal to a given straight line.

31. Construct a rectangle equal to a given square, and having the difference of its adjacent sides equal to a given square.

32. Describe a rectangle equal to a given square, and having its sides in a given ratio.

33. To make a figure similar to a given figure, and having a given ratio to it.

34.  $AB$  is a diameter of a circle, and at  $A$  and  $B$  tangents are drawn to the circle. If  $PCQ$  be a tangent at any point  $C$ , cutting the tangents at  $A, B$  in  $P, Q$ , prove that the radius of the circle is a mean proportional between the segments  $PC, QC$ .

35. With the same figure prove that if  $AQ, BP$  intersect in  $R$ , then  $CR$  is parallel to  $AP$  or  $BQ$ .

36. If two triangles  $AEF, ABC$  have a common angle  $A$ , prove that

$$\text{the triangle } AEF : \text{triangle } ABC = AE \cdot AF : AB \cdot AC.$$

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37. Given two points in a terminated straight line, find a point in the straight line such that its distances from the extremities of the line are to one another in the same ratio as its distances from the fixed points.

38. Divide a given straight line into two parts such that their squares may have a given ratio to one another.

39.  $AB$  is divided in  $C$ ; shew that the perpendiculars from  $A, B$  on any straight line through  $C$  have to one another a constant ratio.

40. From the obtuse angle of a triangle to draw a line to the base which shall be a mean proportional between the segments of the base.

41. Divide a given triangle into two parts which shall have to one another a given ratio by a line parallel to one of the sides.

42. If from any point in the circumference of a circle perpendiculars be drawn to the sides, or sides produced of an inscribed triangle, prove that the feet of these perpendiculars lie in one straight line.

43. If a line be divided into any two parts to find the locus of the point in which these parts subtend equal angles.

44. If two circles touch each other externally, and also touch a straight line, prove that the part of the line between the points of contact is a mean proportional between the diameters of the circles.

45. Any regular polygon inscribed in a circle is a mean proportional between the inscribed and circumscribed regular polygons of half the number of sides.

46.  $ABC$  is a triangle, and  $O$  is the point of intersection of the perpendicular from  $A$  on the opposite side of the triangle : the circle which passes through the middle points of  $OA$ ,  $OB$ ,  $OC$ , will pass through the feet of the perpendiculars, and through the middle points of the sides of the triangle.

47. Describe a circle to touch a given straight line and a given circle, and to pass through a given point.

48.  $A$  and  $B$  are two points on the same side of a straight line which meet  $AB$  produced in  $C$ . Of all the points in this straight line find that at which  $AB$  subtends the greatest angle.

49. Inscribe a square in a given pentagon.

50.  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral figure circumscribing a circle, and through the centre  $O$ , a line  $EOF$  equally inclined to  $AB$  and  $BC$  is drawn to meet them in  $E$  and  $F$ : prove that  $AE : EB :: CF : FD$ .

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